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Muta batch graduates

MUTA (Petra) — Deputising for His Majesty King Hussein, the King's adviser Khaled Al Karaki on Sunday attended the graduation ceremony of the 15th batch of students at Muta Uoiversity's civilian wing. Mr. Karaki and Muta Uoiversity President Abdul Rahman Atiyat distributed certificates to graduating studeots, totalling 9g1, and awards to excelling students. The ceremony was attended by Minister of Higher Education Ratch Al Saoud, diplomats and senior officials.

Mubarak visits Libya

CAIRO (AP) - President Hosni Muharak left for Tripoli Sunday to try yet again to help Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi get out of his impasse with the West over the bombing of Pan Am 103. The Foreign Ministry said the Arah leaders' agenda during the two-day visit eovers "issues facing the region."

Egypt Copts want dialogue

CAIRO (R) — A Coptie weekly newspaper said on Sunday the national dialogue on Egypt's political and economie future must include the problems of the Coptie community if it is to succeed. The newspaper Watani, a monthpiece for Egypt's Orthodox Christian community, said in an unusually outspoken editorial the govern-ment bad "worked to increase the wave of bigotry, cantipathy and hatred against Copts and their oppression,"

Ankara to appeal to U.N. on pipeline

NICOSIA (AFP) — Ankara is to make a new bid for U.N. permission to drain an Iraqi-Turkish oil pipeline closed since the start of the Gulf crisis in August 1990, a Turkish Foreign Ministry spokes-man said Sunday. Ozdem Sanberk, under-secretary of state at the ministry, told the Iraqi government daily Al Jumhuriya that he had discussed "technical matters concerning draining operations, ahead of a new Turkish request to the Uoited Nations". More than 12 million harrels of oil is still stuck in the pipeline, and gradually becoming more corrosive. Mr. Sanberk arrived in Baghdad on Wednesday for talks with Iraqi Foreign Mioister Mohammad Said Al Sahhaf, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. He also met Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz.

Egypt lawyers call off strike

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian lawyers decided on Sunday to call off a threatened strike after the government freed some of their colleagues held for their part in a protest march. Ahmad Saif Al Islam Al Banna, the Egyptian bar associatioo's secretary general, told Reuters: "The association decided to cancel the strike to be able to secure the release of the remaining colleagues in detention to show good intentions and to safeguard the nation's interest."

Rabbani scores major victory

dent's army scored a major victory Sunday as it drove one of its main rivals out of Kahul in two days of fierce fighting on the southern and eastero fringes of the capital. The triumph hy President Burhanuddin Rahhani's forces over warlord Rasbid Dostum could herald an important breakthrough in the brutal Afghan civil war, which has been a stalemate for months. No one is ready to predict a quick end to the fighting, but Mr. Rahhani now has a much stronger grip on the capital and can concentrate his firepower on his. other main opponent, renegade Prime Minister Gulhuddin Hekmatyar.

King calls for talks among Jordan, PLO and Israel

Majesty King Hussein has ealled for an immediate meeting among Jordan, the Palestinians and Israel for a thorough review of all issues of common interest and to define the next stage in the peace process.

The King's eall eame against the progress made in the Palestinian-Israeli track of negotiations with the interim autonomy agreement signed in September and in the Jordanian-Israeli traek where the two sides have agreed to launch serious discussions on key issues of dispute between them.

The King, in an interview published in the Lebanese Al Safir daily, lamented the lack of coordination between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the peace process and said it had led to the absence of a united Jordanian-Palestinian

"Had we crystallised such a united stand from the very beginning we would have been able to achieve more in less time," Al Safir quoted the King as saying in the

NORTHERN YEMENI

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Aden on Sunday to divide the

port city and gunners fired at

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Sanaa is pushiog with large numbers in Bir Ahmad but

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tions," said a southern offi-

There was no sign of a

ceasefire announced by the

north on Saturday as north-

ern troops broke through

sonthern defence at Bir

Ahmad, northwest of Aden.

main coastal road linking the

city to Little Aden where the

south's only oil refinery and

Aden's main power station

Aden Radio's relay station

in the area was damaged in

the fighting and has been off

the air for the past 24 hours.

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fighting is very strong now,"

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said the official, adding that

"They are pushing and we

are located.

Some units reached the

They are like locusts.

southern stronghold.

ducted during the Monarch's stay io Washington last week. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, carried the interview

on Sunday.

Jordan-PLO relations are good, the King said, adding that the Kingdom stood ready to respond positively to any appeal for help from the

Jordan remained firm in its support for the PLO and is concerned that the Palestinians maintain a cohesive approach at "this critical point in time," the King told Al Safir.

The Kingdom had been and remains to be closest to the Palestinian problem, "the question of people, the land and the rights," the King said. "It is our destiny as a family, which has the honour of belonging to Jordan since the Great Arab Revolt." He said Jordan always believed that the Palestinian

question is linked to its destiny in all circumstances, and its actions were always based on that belief. On the ootcome of the

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and missile battery hase in to discuss the conflict in Ye-



dent Bill Clinton and senior administration officials io Washington last week, the King expressed hope that Washington would help Jordan through its economie difficulties by rescheduling or writing off the Kingdom's

Omani Minister of State

for Foreign Affairs Yousef

Ben Alawi paid a brief visit to

Jeddah and held talks with

Prince Saud, Arah diplomats

said, only a day after a senior

Northern Yemeoi envoy had

Oman and Saudi Arabia

played a key role in securing

the adoption of U.N. Secur-

ity Council Resolution 924 of

June I, which called for an

immediate ceasefire. Oman

currently chairs the Security

Abdul Ghani, a member of the northern Yemeni pres-

idential council, handed a

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Oman from Yemeni Presi-

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spokesman said.

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dent Ali Abdullah Saleh.

On Saturday, Abdul Aziz

visited Oman.

Council.

noted that it was Washington's efforts that led to the present stage in the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

Jordanian-Israeli talks seheduled to hegin next month will address in a satisfactory manner all issues in the common agenda that the two sides signed in September, the King said. The major issues involved, he said, are Jordan's territorial rights and the return of Jordanian land occupied by Israel as well as the restoration of the Kingdom's water rights in addition to issues related to the envirooment.

Such issues demand that the negotiations be held in the region, the King said, referring to the shift of the venue for the talks to Jordan and Israel.

Oo the internal Jordanian situation, the King said Jordan had charted a course towards democracy and would not deviate from that course. "The participation of all Jordanians, irrespectie of their origins and places of

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PLO seeks entry permit for PNC

AMMAN (AP) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is seeking Israeli per-mission to allow members of the Palestine National Council (PNC), to enter the Palestinian self-rule areas, a PLO spokesman said Sun-

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is expected to go to Jericho next mooth and proclaim the PNC the Palestinians' official legislature

Khalid Mismar, a spokesman for the PLO missioo in Amman, said chief Palestinian oegotiator Nabil Shaath has asked Israeli authorities to allow in 450 of the 483 members of the council, The rest are either already

resident in the occupied territories or do not want to travel there, Mr. Mismar said. Israel had already granted entry permits to 84 members of the I02-stroog Palestine

Central Council, He said Soleiman Najjab, a PLO executive, and PCC member Walid Mustafa were planning to enter the self-rule areas on Tuesday.



Regent, on Sunday visits the cement factory burnt (Petra photo)

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the where huge quantities of seized drugs were

Regent urges greater effort to combat abuse of drugs

Huge quantity of drugs burnt at kilns

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Sunday called on the concerned authorities to exert greater efforts to

comhat drug abuse. Speaking on Jordan Television during the burning of seized drugs at the kilns of the Jordan Cement Factories Company, the Regent called for a nationwide campaign starting from the schools to spread awareness of the

dangerous effects of drugs. Sunday's burning of large hauls of hashish, heroin, opium, cannahis and cocaine was carried out in observance

of the International Day Against Drug Ahuse.
"We are also in need of a

campaign for the rehabilitation of drug addicts among the Regent said.

Following a comment by His Majesty King Hussein last March that U.N. figures showed that the Kingdom had 7,000 drug addicts, the government has started work on a rehabilitation centre for drug addicts. A British organisation has been contacted to conduct a feasibility study for the project to be set up at Shafa Badran district near

The regent said Sunday that he hoped that Jordanian laws and legislations concerning drug abuse will he upgraded so as to meet "the dangerous challeoges facing the young as a result of drug addiction".

Jordan, which used to be a transit point for drugs, has joined the list of consumers, the Regent said. Estimating the number of

drug users in the country at between 6,000 and 7,000, the Regent said: "This is a very serious situation." He called on Jordanians to

exert efforts to fight off "this danger by all available means. Brigadier Hisham Ensour

director of the Public Secur-

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Kharabsheh heads Audit Bureau

AMMAN (Petra) — Audit Bureau Secretary General Abdul Hamid Al Kharabsheh was named on Sunday presideot of the hnreau, and Abdul Hadi Al Mahayri was appointed director general of the Civil Servants Consumers Corporation, replacing Mohammad Al Abdullat, who was appointed advisor at the Prime Ministry.

The cabinet meeting under the chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister Thougan Hindawi, also approved the transfer of George Haddad, the ministry of public works' secretary-general, to the Prime Ministry where he will

assume duties as advisor. The Council of Ministers

also appointed Jordao's ambassador to Morocco Hussein Hamami as non-resident amhassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Senegal, and approved a recommendation by the minister of state for foreign affairs to appoint Rafiq Sweiss as Jordan's honorary consul in Chi-

Jumaa Hammad, minister of culture and acting informatioo minister, said the Council of Ministers heard a briefing by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan

Yemen and United Nations Security Council consultations on the issue.

Mr. Hassan told the Cabinet that Jordan, which will head the forthcoming ordinary session of the Arab League, will do its utmost to stop the bloodshed in Ye-

Mr. Al Hassan also briefed the cabinet on the outcome of the visit by the Slovak foreign minister to Jordan, which concluded Saturday.

Mr. Hammad added that the Cahinet also discussed issues pertaining to the deon the latest developments in velopment of free zones.

Shaath rejects findings of Hebron massacre probe

GAZA (Agencies) — A top adviser to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat reiected the findings on Sunday of an Israeli inquiry into the Hehron mosque massacre.

"I don't think that the act in the Hebron mosque was an individual act. The Israeli government and the policy of (Jewish) settlement carry complete responsibility for this ugly crime," chief PLO peace negotiator Nabil Shaath told reporters.

Israel's official inquiry into the Hebron mosque massacre concluded that Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein acted alone when he shot dead more than 30 Palestinians kneeling in prayer at a mosque in Hebron on Feh. 25.

"The presence of settlers in the occupied territories is a time bomh, and as long as the situation is like that, the time bomh is on and can explode at any time," said Dr. Shaath, who is also a member of the authority running

Palestinian self-rule. Dr. Shaath said the report had been sent to Mr. Arafat in Tunis for an official re-

The five member inquiry panel also cleared the government and army command of any responsibility for the bloodbath at the Ibrahimi Mosque, prompting charges by Palestinians and liberal Israelis that the six-week investigation was a white wash.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin pledged to carry out commission recommendations, including improvement of security at the site which is sacred to both Muslims and

Jews will be barred from carrying weapons at the site. and Jewish and Muslim worshippers will be separated to prevent friction.

But Mr. Rabin said there were no guarantees that security forces could stop another massacre by a "Jewish madman who decides to open fire in one of a thousand mosques where prayers are held in the West Bank."

"Theoretically, it could

happen. I hope it won't hap-

pen," said Mr. Rabin, who holds the defence minister's portfolio and was questioned behind closed doors by the commission. The commission appeared

to accept the argument of army chief of staff Ehud Barak, who testified the massacre "hit us like lightning from a clear blue sky." In its 338-page report, the

panel said the army could not have predicted an attack by a Jewish extremist on Palestinians because intelligence reports focused on possible violence by militants against Jewish settlers. "We do not believe that

anyone can be hlamed for not having foreseen the fact that a Jew would plan and carry out a massacre of Muslims in the Tomb of the Patriarchs," the report said.

The commission said Goldstein could perhaps have been stopped had the full guard detail shown up at the site on the morning of the massacre. Five out of 10

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Palestinian cabinet

GAZA CTTY (Agencies) — Palestinian ministers held the first meeting of the new authority on Sunday followed by talks with World Bank representatives, officials said.

"It was important and we drew up a hlueprint for the authority and agreed to work together as a team," said Cooperation and Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, wbo ehaired the talks in Gaza

City.
The ministers, including West Bank Fateh leader Faisal Husseini, Local Government Minister Saeh Erakat and Tourism Minister Elias Freij, had focussed on the fate of some 7,000 prisoners still in Israeli jails and "the needs of the people."

"We will hold weekly meetings every Sunday in Gaza and Jericho alteroatively," Dr. Shaath told reporters.
"We answered all the ques-

tions of the World Bank people, who wanted to make sure that money from the donors will be enough for our needs," be said, after Palestinian criticism of delays in funding since autonomy was lannched May 4.

"The total we need for this year is \$720 million, \$180 and so far we have enough

for three months." Dr. Shaath, the chief PLO negotiator of the Cairo agreemeot which launched autonomy, said that Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) would on Tuesday hold preparatory talks ahead of further negotiations.

He would meet General Danny Rothschild, Israel's coordinator for the occupied territories, at the Erez border crossing into Gaza, "to see what committees to set up."

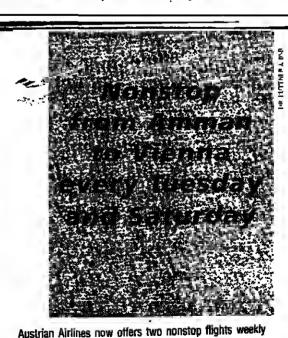
Gen. Rothschild's spokeswoman, Captain Hannie Jeshurun, said: "The meeting will be solely on current topics such as health and the entry of Palestinians into Israel.

"The prisoner issue and early empowerment should not be raised," she said. Dr. Shaath had said on

Saturday that the talks marked a resumption of negotiations on the outstanding questions of self-rule, including early empowerment, or the spreading of autonomy across the West Bank.

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Unity or death, north Yemenis say

SANAA (AFP) — Northern Yemenis are branding breakaway southern leaders as traitors and infidels in songs and sermons, as they vow to press on to final victory despite the south's stubborn re-

Sermons broadcast by religious leaders in Sanaa urge Yemenis to pray for the destruction of the southern Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) led by Ali Salem Al Beidh.

God, help us destroy the Socialists. Turo their weapons of destruction against them. Bring misery to any country that barms us," declared Mohammad Hussein Amer, one of the country's most widely respected Islamic authorities, on national radio.

At a large family gathering building contractor Mohammad Rowdy. 60, said be, his two wives and 21 children were prepared to die for Yemeni unity, which was forged between North and South Yemen in May 1990.

"In a couple days we will have defeated Aden (the southern stronghold)," he said confidently, sipping gishr, a tra-ditional Yemeni drink made from coffee bean husks and

ginger.
"If the whole world wants to bomb us after that, they can go ahead. I don't care and we're not afraid. Unity or death. Those are the only

two options.' He said he was ready to fight and had sent his eldest son Ahmad, 32, to the front. He had also sent home-made bread to the northern troops. Ahmad was involved in heavy fighting three weeks

ago for the Al Anad military base, 60 kilometres north of

"I saw lots of brothers killed," he said, now sitting with his relatives. "It was awful. but I'm ready to go back and fight again. God is great and God will provide.

He then broke into a song he bad written: "This is your night, Beidh, your party is gone, your party is not Yemeni. Oo Ali, son of Salem, how many bodies are on your conscience. When you talk you are polite but in reality you are a liar. Lies, lies, you are not Yemeni."

Although the song was written in January, before the civil war erupted bere in May, it bas become more popular than ever among his neighbours and friends, he

Many residents of Sanaa acknowledge the hardships caused by the war, but seem determined to win it to maintain Yemeni unity.

Sabri Saleem, director of a language school, said be had "completely forgotten about this year in terms of my busi-

ness."
Most of his Arabic students fled the country soon after the war started.

"But it's better to suffer now than to accept the longterm destruction that the end of unity will mean," he insisted.

Mohammad Rowdy complained that "there's no cement for building any more, and I know a lot of people who are worried.

"We pray and we know that God will provide," he



fighting. Darulaman Palace was seized by forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani on Saturday from the rival group ted by Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar (AFP

Mandate not renewed for Hebron observers

Rabin sticking to habits despite failing mid-terms

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Jewish settler Baruch Gold-(AP) — The international observers in the West Bank town of Hebron will be permanently pulled out by the second week of August. Israel Radio said Saturday.

HOMELESS: This family is the first group of civilia

the road behind Darulaman Palace (at rear) in south Kabul

on Sunday. The family is part of an exodus of scores of frightened civilians leaving their homes due to the factional

Representatives of Norway. Denmark and Italy, the countries whose forces are deployed in Hebron, met in Rome last week and agreed not to renew the three-month mandate of the 116-member

force, the radio said. Israel and the Palestinians agreed to the stationing of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) to calm the city, rocked by widespread clashes after the mosque shooting in which

TEL AVIV (AP) — In a

stein killed more than 30 Muslim worshippers.

The agreement on their May 8 deployment also allowed suspended peace talks to proceed, culminating in the May 19 start of Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Our term expires on Aug. 8 and we haven't heard anything so I can't confirm or deny the report." said Bjarno Sorensen, TIPH spokesman in Hebron. "We are very anxious to know something.

Hebron Palestinians initially welcomed the international observers, who stood out in their crisp white and red uniforms. But they soon began

complaining that the observers lacked the weapons or strong mandate to protect

Jewish settlers opposed their presence since they believed it undermined Israeli control over the town. lo Hebron Saturday, four

months after the massacre. the site of the massacre is still closed to Jews and Arabs. Residents were waiting for Sunday's publication of an

Israeli inquiry into the Feb. 25 massacre. The fivemember commission is not seeking criminal indictments. but Hebron residents are hoping its rulings will lead to better security arrangements

"What I hope for regarding the settlers is that they be prevented from having any contact with us," Nadar Mustafa imas told Israel Televi-Hebron Mayor Mustafa

Natche said he expects the commission to acknowledge army negligence regarding its protection of the Muslim worshippers at the mosque.

According to reports leaked to the Israeli press. the inquiry found that Goldstein acted alone, and it criticised senior army officers for ignoring intelligence warnings about possible violence by Jewish extremists against

Ex-worker reports 1968 accident at Dimona

TEL AVIV (AP) - An accident occurred at Israel's nuclear reactor 26 years ago which presented an immediate danger to the environment, a former worker said. Israel Radio reported Satur-

But an environment ministry cast doubt over the claim saying a recent test of the area surrounding the reactor, deep in the desert, did oot detect any traces of abnormal radiation that would have remained. The revelation surfaced as

part of a claim by 16 former employees at Israel's nuclear reactor in Dimona that they contracted cancer as a result of radiation exposure.

There was an iocideot, an accident, and as a resolt there was a quite serious temporary safety problem to the immediate environment and we had to deal with this," said Barak Ben Amotz, who monitored radioactive levels at the reactor.

In a report prepared by Israel Television and broadcast Friday night, Mr. Ben-Amotz said he suspected his health and the health of other workers was damaged by the 1968 accident.

Three years ago, doctors detected a cancerous growth in Mr. Ben-Amotz's intestine and removed it.

Another former employee at the reactor, Aharon Benvinisti, said he was being treated for a cancer in his bladder. He told Israel Television he joined the court petition

reluctantly. "I fear the system, the system is very strong. ft has all the tools to take action against me, the visible and invisible kind. I am convinced that they are not hap-

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py that I am being interviewed today," said Mr. Ben-

Mr. Benvinisti said that he and other employees were routinely tested for radiation, but that they were never told of the results.

reactor to give them access to their personnel medical records which they believe will show increasing radiation levels io their body while working there.

Commission rejected any connection between their cancer and employment at the reactor.

ft cited a commissionmitiated survey which found that the cancer rate among reactor workers was 16 per cent less than in the general

"This proves that there is no connection between cancer and work in the reactor. a commission statement said.

The commission also said safety precautions at the reactor were among the highest in the world and according to international standards.

"Today in my opinion the situation is much much better. They learned and we were the guinea pigs," Mr. Benvinisti said.

He said that of the 35 workers in his department, cancer was detected in six of them while on the job. He did not say what job he held at the reactor.

"If there are malfunctions or unexpected accidents then people coold have been harmed, and if a worker was harmed then they have to take responsibility for it," Mr. Ben-Amotz said.

mid-term assessment, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he will plow forward with bis peace policies despite receiving an "F" from the public in poll released Saturday. Mr. Rabin also promised

The f6 plaiotiffs want the to concentrate efforts on domestic issues such as education, housing and economic development.. He acknowledge the fai-

lure to reach one digit inflation, already forecasted at 12 fsrael's Atomie Energy per cent this year. But said he would aim for less than 10 per cent by the end of his present term in 1996.

"f'm at peace with myself over what we have accomplished during the past two years," Mr. Rabin said in a radio interview broadcast

Reaching the halfway point in Mr. Rabin's four-year term, a poll released Saturday gave his Labour-led government a grade of 5.3 out of

The poll carried out by the Haifa University statistics department and paid for by state-owned Israel radio, also found that 29 per cent polled preferred Mr. Rabin as pre-

Opposition Likud Party head Binyamin Netanyahu received 14 per cent and eight per cent wanted to see Mr. Rabin's partner and sometimes nemesis Shimon Peres the foreign minister, lead the country. The telephone poll ques-

tioned 650 randomly chosen Israeli adults on Wednesday and pollster Avner Halevi said it had a two per cent margin of error. Polls are only significant

before elections. I am sticking to the policies I believe in," Mr. Rabin said. "It doesn't matter what they say in the polls." Mr. Rabin himself inter-

preted the poll as a sign the

government had to make more of an effort to expose what he saw as it's successes.

"This is a revolutionary government. Whether or not people like it is another question. But it has done some pretty dramatic things. In these conditions such a low grade makes me doubt whether these people polled read the papers," said Nachum Barnea, a political analyst for Yediot Ahronot, Israel's largest daily.

Mr. Rabin said he will continue his quest for peace with Israel's neighbours in his remaining two years in office. He cited the progress with the Palestinians, who signed an accord for limited self-rule in the occupied territories, which has already been implemented in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"f view what we have accomplished as a great opening to the world which enables Israel to implement its economic potential," Mr. Rabin said. He said that efforts were

being made to progress the talks with Jordan. The gaps remain wide with the Syrians, he noted, but hoped a trip by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to the region next month would narrow

Mr. Rabin praised President Bill Clinton and Mr. Christopher for trying to bridge the gaps without pushing their own proposals.

The interview with Mr. Rabin was recorded on Friday and broadcast on Saturday. Mr. Rabin had initially intended to hold a Saturday morning radio call-in programme, but cancelled it after a religious party be is trying to wee into bis coalition disapproved saying it was a violation of the Sabbath.

Observant Jews are forbidden from using electricity on the Sabbath.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Damascus Declaration meeting postponed

CAIRO (AFP) - A meeting of the eight members of the Damascus Declaration to discuss the Yemen civil war has been postponed indefinitely, an Egyptian Foreign Ministry source said Saturday. The meeting of foreign mioisters of member states was to be held on Monday in Kuwait. Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah informed his Egyptian counterpart Amr Musa that the meeting had been postponed to a new date yet to be fixed, the source said. No reason was given for the postponement. The declaration was signed in March 1991 between Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the United Arab Emirates following the

Senior Turkish human rights official quits

ANKARA (AFP) - Turkey's minister of state for homan rights resigned Saturday to protest against the perceived unwilliogness of Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's right-wing True Path Party (DYP) to create a human rights ministry, Anatolia news agency said. Mehmet Kahraman's resignation marked an escalation in troubles plaguing the junior partner in the two-and-a-half-year-old governing coalition, the leftist Social-Democratic People's Party (SHP) ruling in tandem with Ms. Ciller's DYP. Analysts said the resignation might bring on a crisis that could ultimately split the coalition. The creation of the ministry "is very important for the future of Turkish democracy" and was "planned for in a protocol concluded on the formation of the coalition government with the DYP," Mr. Kahraman said after he handed a letter of resignation to Deputy Prime Minister and SHP Chairman Murat Karayalcin. In the letter, he charged that the DYP's "negative attitude" during debates in parliament made it impossible to set up a rights ministry. He did not elaborate. Mr. Kahraman also quit as deputy general-secretary of the SHP. About 10 of the SHP's 54 members of parliament oppose remaining in the coalition because they consider the DYP is preventing a programme of democratisatioo, promised by the SHP, from going ahead. Mr. Karalayon wants to the party to remain in the

Cyprus, Maita ciose to entering EU

CORFU, Greece (AFP) — Cyprus and Malta are close to entering the European Union (EU), leaders said at the end of a two-day summit meeting here. Welcoming "significant progress" in their applications to join the I2-nation bloc, the European heads of government said "an essential stage in the preparation could be regarded as completed." Greek European Affairs Minister Theodoros Pangalos welcomed this "new step" in the adhesion of Cyprus to the European Unioo, after the enlargement of the union to include Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden on jan. f, f995. Only Austria out of these countries is certain to enter the union after its electorate approved the ioitiative in a referendum on June 12. French President François Mitterrand said Saturday "the negotiators say that we are making progress towards the adhesion" of Cyprus which in 1990 applied to join the union. The day before the summit, Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou organised a meeting here with Greek Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides, European Commission President Jacques Delors and British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd. Last year, the European Commission said a political solution would have to be found to the division of Cyprus before it could start formal procedures to enter the European Union.

Sharp drop in drugs hauls in S. Arabia

RIYADH (AFP) — Saudi customs announced on Sunday a sharp drop in drugs seizures in the past f2 months saying the fall resulted from tough penalties imposed on traffickers. The bead of the Saudi customs service Hamad Ben Ibrahim Reshudi said f62 kilogrammes of drugs bad been seized in the 12 months up to June, compared with 315 kilogrammes found in the same period up to June 1993. He told the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) the fall was also due to improvements in anti-narcotics measures. Since 1987 Saudi Arabia has imposed the death penalty on drug traffickers, dealers and hardened users. The interior ministry has announced dozens of executions of drug traffickers each year. Reshudi said the customs service had benefitted from training programmes and better technology for detecting drugs.

Iran to build large dam in Khuzestan

NICOSIA (AP) - Iran has contracted out construction of what it says will be the biggest concrete hydroelectric dam in the country at a cost of 800 billion rials (\$457 million). A 205-metre high dam on the Karun River in the western province of Khuzestan, about 500 kilometres south of Tehran, will be "one of the most ambitious hydro-electric projects in Iran," said the Islamic Republic News Agency. A contract was signed Saturday with the Sabir Company, which is affiliated to the energy ministry, to build the dam, said the agency's dispatch monitored in Nicosia. The dam will store 2.75 billion cubic metres of water in a basin 60 kilometres long, according to the dispatch, which did not give the expected energy output of the dam.

Qatar Airways starts Abu Dhabi flights

ABU DHABI (AP) - Qalar Airways on Saturday launched its inaugural flight from Qatar to Abu Dhabi. underlining its determination to compete with the more established regional airlines. Barely six months old, Qatar Airways is to operate once-weekly flights to the United Arab Emirates capital, routed through Dubai. The flight 07-203, captained by Sheikh Hamad Al Thani, chief executive officer of the airline, landed in the capital from Dubai. The plane later left for Doha, en route to London's Gatwick airport, its first Western European destination.

Kuwaiti parliament 'upgrades' some people

KUWAIT (AP) - In a highly charged session, parliament Saturday passed by an overwhelming majority a government bill granting some sons of naturalised Kuwaitis the right to vote or stand for office.

The decision expanded the electorate by almost a third. But the vast majority of Kuwait's adult population, including all of its women. still do not have the right to

The population of Kuwait is 1.3 million people, of which 640,000 are nationals and the rest. foreigners.

In the conservative, oilrich Gulf Arab countries. Kuwait's parliament is the only one chosen by popular election, albeit from a very small electorate.

The bill was passed 44-0, with one abstention. It applies only to those born to fathers who already possessed Kuwaiti. nationality.

The number of citizens who benefit from the new law is estimated to range between 18,000 and 49,000. They will be upgraded to "first-grade citizenship" and thus be allowed to vote and contest elections, if over 21.

citizens, all men, had voting all Kuwaitis mixed in opposrights. Only citizens who can trace their ancestry in Kuwait prior to 1920 were considered first-class citizens. Kuwait became independent in 1961.

Several deputies argued that though this law was a step in the right direction, it fell short of the demand for full equality. Parliament members who supported the measure said during the debate that passing this law strengthened democracy and enhanced stability and secur-

ity in the country. During the (Íraqi) inva-

Until, now, only 82,000 sion, the blood and sweat of ing the invasion," said National Assembly member Abdul Mohsen Jamal.

The law still gives the government the right to withdraw the citizenship of any of those sons for various

The only deputy who opposed the bill, Abdul Aziz Al Adasani, said some Kuwaitis acquired the citizenship by deceiving the authorities with false information. "What is built on, false basis remains false," he

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MISSION IN MOROCCO: Her Royal Highness Princess Rahmeh Bint Al Hassan (R) Sunday is seen off at the airport by Princess Sarvath. Princess Rahmeh left for Morocco to represent Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, at the meetings of the Arab Thought Forum General Assembly, which starts in Rabat today under the patronage of King Hassan II of Morocco. The threeday meetings will discuss the deteriorating Arab situations and means

of building Arab solidarity following the recent events in the Arab World. Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Saced Nabulsi will read Prince Hassan's speech to the meeting. The Jordanian delegation to the meetings includes Princess Wijdan Ali, Planning Minister Hisham Khatib, Senator Leila Sharaf, Ina'am Mufti, Zuhair Khoury, Taher Kanaan, Albert Boutros and Mohammad Adnan Bakhit.

AMO to discuss Lebanon's 'breach' of accord

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO) hoard meets today to discuss a "hreach" by Lebanon of an agreement with Jordan on the exchange of agricultural produce, according to AMO Director General Salem Al Lawzi.

Dr. Lawzi told the Jordan Times Sunday that Lebanon breached an annual agreement on the exchange of produce in its decision to stop all imports of Jordanian watermelon ahead of the date agreed to

in the accord. Under the agreement signed by the two sides last September, watermelons from Jordan are to be allowed into Lebanoo until June 20 each year, but the

Lebanese authorities halted the process as of June 1, 1994, claiming that Lebanon has started producing sufficient amounts of melons for its markets.

Lebanon's move has prompted Jordan to stop importing Lebanese cherries and apricot for the current season, said Dr. Lawzi who added he was confident that the summer stoppages of agricultural exchanges would not adversely affect regular trade hetween the two countries.

Each year Jordan exports up to 60,000 tonnes of agri-cultural produce to Lebanon especially during winter and imports 15,000 tonnes of crops grown in Lebanon, especially apples, when the Jordanian markets lack sufficient quantities of this fruit, Dr. Lawzi said.

The meeting today, which is to be chaired by Agriculture Minister Mansour Ben Tarif, could speed up the convening of the joint Jordanian-Lehanese committee charged with organising trade exchanges and whch usually meets in September, Dr. Lawzi

Referring to trade with other Arab states, Dr. Lawzi said Jordanian vegetables and fruits continue to be exported to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other Gulf states, but, he said, Saudi Arabia still refuses to buy Jordanian vegetables although it continues to import Jordanian fruits.

After a temporary halt to imports of Jordaoian agricultural products in the wake of the Gulf war, most Arab Gulf states resumed their imports except for Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia, which until the Gulf crisis imported 70 per cent of Jordan's annual agricultural exports of around 500,000 tonnes. turned back several vegetable trucks in 1992 after it said that random tests on the produce showed a bigb level of pollutants.

Referring to trade with the occupied Arah territories, Dr. Lawzi said the institution of the self-rule government in Gaza and Jericho has changed nothing with regard to regulations governing the entry of Palestinian produce into the Kingdom.

Jordan usually allows 50 per cent of the total amount of vegetables and fruit grown in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip into Jordao, said Dr. Law-

Some of these products find their way to the local markets, but the largest part is exported to Gulf states via Jordan, according to Dr. Lawzi.

He said all sbipments of vegetables and fruits entering Jordan should carry certificates of origin as proof they come from Arab lands.

Since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, he added, not a single item produced in Jordan was marketed in the occupied Arab territories.

He said the open bridges policy adopted by the King-dom since 1967 is designed to help enhance the steadfastness of the Palestinian people.

Tanker collision kills drivers

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Two drivers Saturday were killed when their tankers collided on the Rweished Desert Highway, 70 kilometres east of Rweished town, according to Civil Defence Department (CDD) and police reports.

According to the report, one tanker was carrying crude oil and the other water.

The driver of the water tanker, Juma M. Sultan died instantly, the report said. The other driver, Mohammad Eid was hurnt beyond recognition when his tanker was engulfed by

At Al Rweished Military Hospital, where the victims were taken, the attending doctor said the water tanker driver died of fractures to the skull, and the other

A CDD official told the Jordan Times that the fire completely destroyed the crude oil tanker. He explained that the CDD will not be able to remove the tanker from the road for about two days because of the danger of continued

This is the second such incident in the past week. On June 19, two men were also killed in a hlaze when their tanker filled with crude oil went out of control, rolled over and was totally burnt. The two victims were trapped inside the tanker.

As of Sunday evening, police were still unable to release further details of the latest accideot and said they were investigating the incideot.

Accident kills child driver from the first degree " Meanwhile, also on Saturday, a seven-year-old Irbid boy was killed after a 2-metre home water tank fell on him, a police report

said. According to one of the boy's relatives, the victim, Amer Mahmond, was play-ing with some children near the water tank during a wedding, the tank accidentally fell on Amer

killing him instantly.
The child was rushed to Princess Basma Hospital hut was declared dead on arrival. Police gave no details as to where the tank was situated and how it had, fallen. The report indicated that the authorities are investigating the incident.

By Nur Sati

to set up a pharmaceutical

Seminar addresses transport sector ills

AMMAN (Petra) - Until 1989 Jordan's transport sec-tor contributed to about 12 per cent of the gross national product (GNP), but the consequences of the Gulf crisis have dealt it a hard blow causing a major retreat in activities, according to Trans-

port Minister Samir Kawar.

Addressiog a seminar organised Sunday by the Ministry of Transportation in cooperation with local transport firms, Mr. Kawar said the siege on Aqaba imposed since the Gulf war together with the interception and inspection of Agaba-hound vessels have reduced by at least 32 per cent the total volume of loading and unloading or handling operations at Aqaba harbour. This

situation, he said, has caused

severe damage to the land transport operations conducted mainly by Jordanian transport companies.

The losses to the transport sector are estimated of \$500 million, Mr. Kawarsaid. Jordan's transport companies operate nearly 9,000 trucks. said the minister.

He added that the Jordanian transport sector has, over the past decade, been adversely affected by wars and political and economic developments

A working paper presented by Tawfiq Kawar, president of the Jordanian Shipping Agents Association (JSAA). called for boosting the present Jordanian fleet of trucks to cope with the expected increases in the volume of goods arriving in Aqaba.



Minister of Transportation Samir Kawar Sunday addresses a seminar on

the JSAA chief said that

according to regulations mer-

chants pay heavy fees, fines

and extra charges for goods

lying in the harbour awaiting

clearance or transportation.

chairman of the Jordanian

truck owners association said

Mohammad Abu Hasweh,

from chaos resulting from illplanning and the excess of axial weights which cause

heavy damage to roads. In another paper, presented by Hamdi Habashneh, director of the Jordan-Syria

the transport sector suffers Land Transport Company, Mr. Habasbneh suggested that regulations concerning transport charges he reexamined and stricter rules be introduced to prevent ex-

tra weights that cause dam-

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age to roads.

French business team

tours Sahab industries

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter AMMAN — The head of a French business delegation said Sunday that his team's visit to Jordan as part of a tour of Arab states is designed to explore prospects for joint ventures especially in industrial fields.

Thierry Courtaigne, who was speaking during a visit to the Sahab Industrial City near Amman, said he was impressed with the development of the industrial city and the commodities produced by its various factories. Accompanied by Awni Ya-

qoub, acting director general of the Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC) Mr. Courtaigne and his team toured several industries including furniture, gas ranges, television, microwave oven and other manufacturers.

According to the chairman of a committee of investors of Sahab Industrial City, Abdullah Waraiat, the complex contains 320 factories with a total investment of JD 310 million employing 12,500

He said annual exports from the Sahah factories amount to JD 100 million. Mr. Waraiat added that the factories produce food stuffs, medicines, electrical appliances, plastic and chemical products, furniture, kitchens, doors, textile products, tissue

paper, leather and construc-

tion materials among other

After their meeting and tour at Sabab, the French delegation, comprising 16 businesspersons and industrialists, talked with Abdullah Al Tabbaa, deputy president of the Amman Chamber of Industry, to discuss prospects for mutual cooperation in trade and industrial pro-

Mr. Tabbaa explained laws designed to encourage investments in the Kingdom and discussed areas where French and Jordanian businesspersons can launch ventures.

The delegation head said that France was willing to further bolster social, economic and trade ties with Jor-

Jordan's pharmaceutical industry takes a lead Arab slot Two of the industries. Al Special to the Jordan Times Hikma Pharmaceuticals and Dar Al Dawa Develop-AMMAN — Jordao's ment and Investment Company, exported \$41 million

pharmacentical industry has taken a leading position in the Arab World in and \$17 million respectively in 1993. manofacturing and export-Since it first began ing its products and is considered the third most important hard currency earner after potash and phos-phate since the industry was first established three decades ago. Although Egypt was the first country in the region

manufacturing plant, Jordan is now considered a pioneer in the field. Already, some of the local plants are beginning to manufacture their own raw Cairo and Moscow. materials for some of the medicines, a venture that bas not yet been accom-

plished in the Middle East. So far there are five established plants in the country and four new ones are being built. Last years figures show total exports reached JD 50 million, according to Adnan Kilani, pharmacist

at the Union of Arab manufacturers of Pbarmaceutical and Medical Appliances. The companies export about 75 per cent of their products mainly to the Arab countries, but also to

Europe, Russia and the

United States.

maceutical company. It is

duction in 1979, Al Hikma has penetrated the markets of neighbouring countries including Saudi Arahia, a competitive and free market oriented country as well as north Africa, eastern Europe, Europe and the U.S., Al Hikma Vice Presi-

dent Ali Al Husry said. It bas wholly owned subsidiaries in Jordan, Portugal and the U.S. as well as representative offices in Bratislava, Beijing, Tunis,

Hikma Farmaceutica, the 4,800 square metre plant near Lisbon, is designed to be the centre for exporting to the European countries and will specialise in manafacturing injectibles, a more complex drug form to manufacture, according to Mr. Husry.

The plant was established in 1989 in accordance with the requirements of the Portuguese government, the European Union (EU) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Al Hikma moved into

the U.S. market in 1991 when it acquired West-Ward, an American pharbeing developed as the . . U.S. marketing arm of its sister factories in Portugal and Jordan and will also sell to Hikma markets outside the U.S., Mr. Husry

"We have proven our success in every market we entered in. This is why we are confident we will be able to penetrate all the markets within our strategy," said Mr. Husri.

He said the annual turnover of the subsidiary groups totalled \$60 million last year. Hikma aims to strengthen and consolidate their subsidiaries and joint ventures and aspires to become a global player in the near future, Mr. Husry added.

In 1992 Hikma Investments established a joint venture with Ibn Al Biytar of Tunisia, producing cephalosporins (immune suppressants) and penicillin (anti-infective) under the Hikma name for the Tunisian market and Frenchspeaking countries of north

and west Africa. Under a manufacturing agreement with an Egyptian firm, Kahira Pharmaceutical and Chemical Industries Company, Hikma is providing technical support for the manufacture and marketing of selected products to the Egyptian market, the single

largest in the Arab World. -. Another joint venture currently in its development stage is the establishment of an affiliate factory, in Saudi Arabia, Mr. Husry

said. tant breakthroughs for Jordan has been the possibility to locally manufacture the raw materials needed for certain drugs. Hikma Chem, a fully-

owned subsidiary, has begun to manufacture raw materials required for cephalosporins.

With the purchase of a majority share in Arab Medical Cootainers, Hikma Chem bas also produced health care related plastics, such as plastic con-tainers and child resistant

Other pharmaceutical companies like Dar Al Dawa have also started synthesising their own nifedipine, an antihypertensive agent.
"We used to import the

necessary raw material for nifedipine from Switzerland until 1993," according to Fouad Habash, material manager at the plant. "We hope within a few years to manufacture foor of the five most important molecules," he said.

Although Dr. Habash could not disclose the games, he said that in the coming few months one or two of the molecular ingredients will be announced. "All the results are promis-ing," he added.

Dar Al Dawa currently manufactures 40 products in 100 different dosage Middle East including the Gulf states.

It also exports to North Africa, Continental Africa, Eastern Europe and the Far East.

The company hopes to move into Egypt and Algeria, two of the regional markets it has not yet penetrated, Dr. Habash said.

Although Egypt, Morocco and Syria also manufacture medicines, the Jordanian industry is ahead in the game, according to Dr. Kilani, from the union whose purpose is to help develop the industry in the Arab World,

Four new pharmaceutical firms are currently under construction in Jordan. One such company, Mid-

dle East Pharmaceuticals Industry, with a total capital of \$15 million, will begin production by January 1996 and will export to the Arab World, Africa and the republics of the former Soviet

Walid Smadi, the company's general manager, said all drug forms will be manufactured for local and

international consumption at the 7,000 square metre plant to Amman.

"We are not going to compete (with other local companies) hut expand by increasing the items that are not manufactured

here," he said. For the first two years the raw materials needed to produce these drugs will be imported from Europe, but Mr. Smadi said be hopes to manufacture the needed

materials locally after that. Like all the companies, Middle East Pharmaceuticals Industry will comply with the Ministry of Health Techoical Committee regulations, parallel to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations.

The pharmaceutical companies in operation now undertake bio-equivalency studies; clinical studies that ensure the finished products meet international standards and match major world brands.

According to Mr. Husry, Hikma follows the FDA regulations and the Portugal plant complies with

Although the companies in Jordan are not FDA approved yet, Hikma, Dar Al Dawa and the recently established Middle East Pharmaceuticals are planning to apply for the approval.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FILM

☆ Film entitled "Un Coeur En Hiver" at the French Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

Toetry recital by poets Qusay Al Labadi and Ziyad Anani at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture at 7:30 p.m.

POETRY RECITAL

FESTIVAL Trama in Arabic entitled "Sizif and Death" at the Royal Cultural Centre at

YOUTH THEATRE

7:30 p.m. **EXHIBITIONS**

- & Exhibition of Jordanian-made furniture at the Jordan Inter. Continental Hotel (11:00 a.m. · 2:00 p.m. and 4:00-11:00 p.m.). ☆ Plastic art exhibition by Khaled Al Bdour
- at the Royal Cultural Centre. A Plastic art exhibition by Abdullah Abu Asali and Issam Nseirat at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Painting exhibition by Iraqi painters "The Pioneers Group" at Al Ain Art Gallery —

Wadi Sagra (Tel. 644451)

Painting exhibition by Naila Deeb at the Goethe-Institut. Art exhibition entitled "The Form and

Colour in the Arab Art Exhibition" by 16

artists from Jordan and Iraq at the Spanish Cultural Centre. Exhibition of works by several Arab artists at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture

(Tel. 695291). Exhibition by artist Mohammad Fradi at the Orfali Art Gallery in Umm Utheina

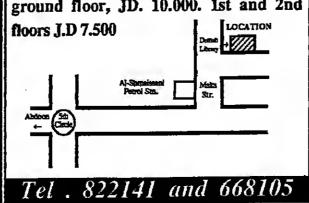
(Tel. 826932). Exhibition on the development of "Le Louvre" at the French Cultural Centre. Painting exhibition by artist George Bahjouri at Al Balqa Art Gallery (Tel. 720677).

Painting exhibition by Jordanian artist Abdul Ra'uf Sham'oun at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabai Luweibdeh. Also showing "permanent" exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/2).

Photography exhibit entitled "Faces of Jordan" at the American Center. Exhibition by Iraqi artists at Ab'and Art Gallery in Mecca Street.

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Nothing happens in a vacuum

IN THE early morning of Feb. 25, Baruch Goldstein, a Jewish settler from the settlement of Kiryat Arba near Hebron, went into the Ibrahimi Mosque armed with an assault rifle, a bag of ammunition and wearing a marksman's protective head set. In a few minutes he opened fire at Muslim worshippers kneeling for the early morning prayer. More than 30 people were killed and dozens injured. Goldstein fired more than 100 bullets before he was hacked to death by worshippers at the mosque, a site sacred for Muslims and Jews .

The massacre led to a break in the Middle East peace talks, a condemnation from the U.N. Security Council and deployment of international observers in Hebron.

While Goldstein was awarded a martyr burial by Jewish extremists and settlers, the Israeli government, which condemned the massacre, appointed a high-level commission to investigate killings.

The commission heard testimony from Israeli guards at the mosque at the time of the massacre and from high-ranking Israeli officials. The testimonies revealed, among other things, the fact that Israeli soldiers had standing orders not to shoot at settlers even "if they were shooting at worshippers," as one soldier testified. At the time, Dan Briksman of the Association of Civil Rights in Israel protested that "it cannot be that there is one law for an Arab and one law for a Jew." Betselem, the leading Israeli human rights group, concluded that "Goldstein's act did not take place in a vacuum." Betselem said that out of 48 cases of Palestinians killed by Israeli settlers between 1988 and 1992 only 12 cases made it to

The leading daily Haaretz blamed the army and said the commission report would expose "an unprecedented chain of failures, lack of discipline, negligence and mistakes" by the army. But Haaretz was only optimistic. The commission exonerated everybody, the army, the establishment and the settlers, and laid the blame on Goldstein alone.

The fact that occupation itself is the source of the conflict, the settlement fuels it and the settlers, armed and dangerous, are the culprits did not figure high in the Israeli commission's report. The Israeli army, the tormentor of the Palestinian population, came ont scot free. The army chief said he was pleased of the commission's findings.

Well, the Israeli establishment might not want to admit that the occupation, the army and the settlers are all to be blamed for the massacre and the ongoing killings among Palestinians and Israelis alike. But that conclusion has already become a conviction not only within the Arab World and among the Palestinians but also among the Israelis themselves. What the commission should have done is look at the massacre as part of the conflict as a whole not only as an isolated incident in a vacuum.

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SAWT AL Sheab daily Sunday warned the Yemeni people and their leaderships that foreign forces in addition to the United Nations were about to interfere in their own affairs and said that should this happen, it would not be in the interest of Aden or Sanaa. Referring to the U.S. warning to Sanaa to stop shelling Aden, the paper said that this could be a prelude to debating the Yemeni question at the U.N. Security Council prior to imposing sanctions on the two parts of Yemen, thus dealing a heavy blow to the Yemeni people and their aspirations. Urging an immediate ceasefire and dialogue to prepare the ground for peace, the paper said the leadership in Sanaa and Aden would be exposing their nation to economic sanctions should they stick to their adamant stands. Saying that at least 15 Arab countries have now expressed desire to recognise the South Yemen state, the paper said that the scenario is being readied now for foreign intervention, especially in the wake of the collapse of the U.N. envoy Lakhdar Al Ibrahimi's mission in Yemen. The paper said that it has become necessary for the leaderships in Sanaa and Aden to meet and end their differences and so avert disaster to the

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour Sunday criticised the government's attitude with regard to the Jordanian political parties claiming that the government was dealing with the parties on the basis of the strength of their members and not as constitutionally recognised entities. Mohammad Subeihi said that it has become clear now that the government has allowed the political parties to appear not in line with the concept of creating political pluralism but rather as a showcase of democracy. Accusing the government of showing respect to the parties only in proportion to their membership, the writer said this attitude is not conducive to democracy nor can it help create an atmosphere that would help expand the government's popularity base in Jordan. The writer said the government should realise that despite their limited memberships at the moment, political parties have a very wide base and strong support by the public, should the government organise a referendum, he said, it would find that the parties represent 99 per cent of the people of Jordan.

Human Rights File

By Waleed Sadi

Blurred guidlines for promotion at human rights

U.S. PRESIDENT Bill Clinton decision a few week's ago to delink China's human rights record from its quest for a Most Favoured Nation status may have been some kind of a shocker. Many human rights activists both in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world have been repeatedly pressing for establishing a direct link between Beijing human rights situation and normal trade and commerce relations with Washington. During last year's Vienna human rights conference, the participants were almost evenly split between those who saw an even organic relationship between human rights and economic and social development and those who viewed the promotion of civil and political rights independently of the development of economic rights. What emerged from the Vienna meeting was a balance between the two views. But participating countries were in disagreement on the idea of deploying trade and commerce as tools to influence the respect for human rights in the world with the developing countries openly defiant of any such a stance.

In the wake of Washington decision not to use the trade card to promote human rights in one of the most populous countries in the world, which also happens to be a permanent member of the Security Council, offers another opportunity to reflect further on the subject. Yet before a debate can be kicked off by the precedent created by President Clinton on China, it would be fair to say at the outset that the special international power of Beijing had a lot to do with Washington's decision on how to treat the alleged Chinese human rights violations. Mr. Clinton had more than human rights on his mind whenhe decided to delink the relationship between trade and human rights with regard to Beijing.

The U.S. president was nursing a grave couflict with North Korea and he wanted all the support that he could muster from the Chinese leadership in a bid to avoid an armed conflict in the Korean Peninsula. The Chinese also offer one of the biggest single market to the U.S. In short the White House was being pragmatic about its search for ways and means to improve the human rights condition in China.

But putting aside for the moment the Chinese precedent as not necessarily binding, it is still pertinent to reconsider the relationship between human rights and other policy tools including the trade carrot or stick. We have repeatedly seen how Washington can be selective in pursuing its human rights policy towards the international community. When it came to Iraq, for example, there was no bestitation to make normalisation of relations with it contingent on a dramatic improvement of the human rights situation. We have seen Washington applying double standards elsewhere in the world, notably in Latin America. Africa and Asia in pursuing its human rights goals on a global basis. The picture that emerges from the Chinese example is therefore nothing to go by in terms of guidance or setting a clear and coherent insight on which the other countries of the world can depend for policy determination on human rights.

Still the real issue of changing human rights records of nations remains the subject of serious debate. Should powerful nations use their clout and power to influence other countries whose human rights record leaves much to be desired? If so, to what extent such mighty nations should go to realise such policy guidelines and objectives? We have seen how the U.S. bas sought to have the U.N. Security Council adopt punitive measures against Haiti in a hid to restore democracy to that country. Can even wellintentioned governments force an improvement in human rights records by imposing effective sanctions of one kind or another? There is no doubt that all democratic nations of the world would want to see the rest of the international community go the democratic way. This is a noble stance that one can only respect, provided one keeps in mind the limitations of such a policy. It is one thing to prode undemocratic nations to be democratic and quite another to force democracy down their throat.

Democracy does not grow on trees. It needs constant cultivation and promotion. In the final analysis, both buman rights and democracy require a culture for their respect and

promotion. I doubt that Haiti, for example would transform into a democratic state over night simply because the Security Council forced it to respect the results of its latest democratic national elections. But this does not mean that the international community should sit tight and do nothing about human rights violations. There is plenty of sensible things that concerned capitals can do to promote human rights worldwide, short of arms twisting and the application

First of all, there must be one standard in pursuing any effective policy to change human rights records in the many countries which have yet to get the message. Double standards would naturally make any such concern lacking in credibility. Secondly, instead of negative use of trade and commerce as a stick, they should be used positively as a carrot. In other words states which are making a determined effort in the direction of democracy and human rights should be alone the subject of most favoured treatment. More forceful methods should be used when the level of buman rights violations reaches genocide, systematic torture and the like, and when crimes against humanity are committed. The U.N. should be prepared then to use all the means available to it to prevent such grave violations and punish all responsible for them. Bosnia and Rwanda offer two prime specific cases of most recent flouting of the most base human rights standards without stirring sufficient international concern. There is no doubt in my mind that the genocide in Rwanda was encouraged by the lack of real concern for the genocide in Bosnia. As is, the current international methods for changing the human rights records of countries leaves much to be desired. The existing ways would continue to be ineffective unless there is in place a coherent, consistent and one standard policy. This does not appear to be in the cards but hopefully all of us who are genuinely disturbed by what we see and bear in terms of human rights violations would be able at last to establish the required clear guidelines for this

Three steps to tame tribalism and unify Europe

By Arthur Schlesinger Jr.

NEW YORK — This is a problematic moment in the long history of Europe. Only a short while back, the magic number 1992 aroused expectations of a vibrant new Europe, united, more prosperous, more undaunted than ever before. Today the dream of European unity seems more distant than it was a decade or two decades ago.
What has befallen that

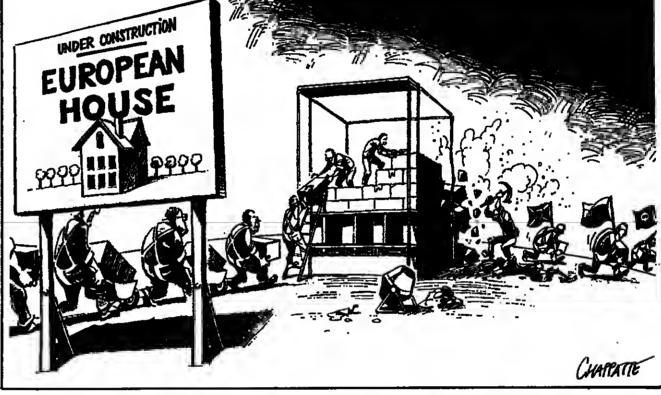
dream? The answer is plain: nationalism.

Nationalism can work for good or ill according to the circumstances. It was nationalist resistance that defeated those, like Napo-leon and Hitler, who tried to unify Europe by force of arms. It is nationalist feeling that today frustrates leaders whose benevolent vision is to unify Europe by shared interest and mutual benefit, by persuasion and consent.

Nor has the end of the cold war helped. The Soviet threat was a potent factor in the promotion of European unity. As the threat evaporated so did the felt need to unite against a totalitarian energy - or even against the savagery unleashed in what once was Yugoslavia. Nothing has more discredited the vision of European unity than Europe's impotence before the Bosnian tragedy.

As a Yugoslav political scientist well said — and who should know better? -"minorities are going to be an acid test for all post-Communist societies. With Communism all but disappearing, tribal instincts are coming back." And the hostility of one tribe toward another is among the most ancient of human reactions.

On every side today, in every section of the troubled planet, ethnic and religious fanaticism is breaking nations. "The virus of tribalism," says The Economist, risks "becoming the AIDS of international politics — lying dormant for years, then flaring up to destroy countries.



High technology is shrinking the globe and overriding traditional boundaries. But integrating pressures drive people to seek refuge from global currents beyond their control and understanding. The more people feel themselves adrift in a cold, impersonal, anonymous world, the more desperately they embrace some warm, familiar, intelligible, protective human unit the more they crave a politics of identity.

Integration and disintegration thus are the opposites that feed on each other. The more the world integrates, the more people cling to their own in groups increasingly defined in these post-ideological days by ethnic and religious

Yugoslavia is only the most murderous portent of a darkening future. What was once the Soviet Union contains 104 distinct nationalities, 22 of which have populations of more tban a million. Twenty-five million Russians live outside Russia. The Institute of Gyography of the Russian Academy of Sciences tells us that there are now more than 160 border disputes in the ex-Soviet Union.

Two million Hungarians live in Romania, 700,000 in Slovakia. In all, 30 per cent of the Hungarians live outside Hungary. And 300,000 Germans and 200,000 Ukrainians live in Poland. Nor is Western Europe lacking in ethnic, religious and linguistic enmities.

According to the 1993 U.N. report on refugees, more than one in every I20 people on the globe is a refugee. It is estimated that 25 million people will mi-grate into the European Union in the next decade. mostly people of alien colours, creeds and customs. Xenophobia and racism are already the rising themes in European politics.

How are democratic societies to cope with ethnic, racial and religious

heterogeneity?
The United States had

the advantage of settlers who (mostly) came to its shores proceed in order to acquire a new identity. Citizenship has been defined in terms not of ethnic origin but of political ideals. however imperfectly Amer-

icans have lived up to those

ideals.

They have developed traditions and agencies of assimilation. The melting pot, though uneven in its workings, has created a new nationality, e pluribus unum. As Gunnar Myrdal worte in "An American Dilemma," his great study of race relations in the United States: "The minority peoples of the United States are fighting for status in the larger society; the minorities of Europe are mainly fighting for independence from it.

So there are evident limitations on the value for Europeans of the American experience. I am sure. however, that Europe must move beyond the idea of ethnic nations — the doctrine that citizenship should

be hased on bloodlines rather than on principles. Under current German law, for example, people of

German extraction who have never lived in Germany have a better legal claim to German citizenship than do people of Turkish origin who have byed in Germany for a couple of generations. Europe must accept the inevitability of heterogeneity — and the consequent need to persuade heterogeneous peoples to live together in civility and harmony.

The first necessity is the rule of law. Those who seek citizenship in a country can reasonably be called on to abide by the country's constitution and laws. There are persons of ardent reli-gious faith who come to a country and say that they will obey only those of the country's laws that conform to religion. Such indigesti-hle communities are hard to reconcile with a democratic polity.

A second necessity is pro-ductive employment. Com-

petition for jobs intensifies ethnic and racial hostilities and feeds political extremism. Economic growth will not cure ethnic prejudices, but it will mitigate some of its worst effects.

A third necessity is an international framework dealing with minority rights, A resolution adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1970 declared that the right to self-determination should not be applied in a way that would break up composite states when those states respect human rights. But how to assure that respect? How to strengthen the international machinery for the protection of minor-

The Dutch proposal for a High Commissioner for Minorities deserves more serious consideration than it has received from the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Enrope. Others suggest that the existing European Court on Human Rights take on the

protection of minorities. Robert Badinter, president of France's Constitutional Council, recommends a European Arbitration Court. If Hungary, for example, filed a complaint about the treatment of ethnic Hungarians in other countries, the judges would work out a reasonable solntion and begin to build up legal precedents that would in time amount to a common law for minority problems. To avert an age of Yugoslavias, the nations of Europe must create some trans-European means of

reducing ethnic conflict. If we cannot deethnicise the concept of citizenship, provide jobs and develop machinery to protect minorities, it is hard to see how the descent into tribalism can be stopped and the dream of European unity

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Rimpac tests waters for U.S. Pacific alliance

By Engene Moosa

PEARL HARBOUR. Hawaii - Every two years, warships from four of America's allies in the Pacific crowd the jetties at Pearl Harbour after taking part in Rimpac, the biggest multilateral navy war games of their kind in the Asia-Pacific region.

For potential adversaries of the United States, Rimpac, short for rim of the Pacific, is a display of naval might of an emerging, de facto U.S.-led military alliance in the region.

For the U.S. allies taking part, the war games on the high seas provide a welcome chance to practice complex, joint operations with the world's largest

games which wound down

In this year's Rimpac

last week, South Korea, Canada and Australia sent two or three modern frigates to the games, while Japan dispatched its most powerful eight-ship fleet. The four countries also brought their submarines and naval aircraft into play.

The United States supplied two carrier battle groups and most of the support vessels required in the month-long mock engagement, which climaxed with a simulated fleet action off Midway Island in the central Pacific.

Speaking at the end of the games earlier this week. commanders stressed the importance of "inter-operability" which means navies in an alliance must speak the same language and be familiar with common tactical and operational doctrines. Computer links among ships and global satellite communications

were a key aspect, they

said.
"The 1990 Rimpac proved to be of valuable experience for the (1991) Gulf war," said the U.S. commander of the war games, Vice Admiral Jerry Unruh. "We were able to enter into smooth cooperation with the navies in the coalition (against Iraq)."

Admirals refused to divulge the exact scenario used in Rimpac and denied that it bad any direct relation to current affairs, such as the crisis over North Korea's suspectee nuclear weapons programme.

But they told a news conference they covered almost every aspect of modern naval warfare, including formations for naval blockades and amphibious land-

A blockade could come into force if the United Nations passed a resolution calling for a trade embargo against North Korea. Some countries have cast a wary eye on Rimpac.

A recent issue of the Chinese navy periodical, "Modern Naval Vessels," carried a long article about the Japanese naval buildup and said Rimpac showed Japanese ambitions to rebuild a blue-water navy it used to conquer much of the Far East and Pacific during World War II.

North Korea, in repeated dispatches on its state-run Korean Central News Agency, saw Rimpac as a hrazen challenge against it-self by South Korea, Japan and the United States.

Rimpac, begun in 1971 to prepare for a showdown with the Soviet Pacific fleet, survived the end of the cold war because of Washington's emphasis on ties with the fast-growing economies of the Asia-Pacific region.

"Certainly there is a political aspect to a military exercise, and there is nothing wrong with that," said Admiral Rohert Kelly, commander-in-chief U.S. Pacific fleet. "I happen to believe that it is important for us to protect the U.S. national interest in the re-

Adm. Kelly even welcomed the notion that Russian and Chinese warships take part in future Rimpac games. "I certainly think that kind of development would be beneficial," he told a separate news briefing at his Pearl Harbour headquarters.

Adm. Kelly's spokes-woman said the U.S. Pacific fleet - 200 warships, six carrier battle groups and more than I,100 warpianes - was geared to deal with a region which lacked a collective security organisation like the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in Europe.

Vast distances and cuts in uavy outlays meant the U.S. Pacific fleet should make maximum use of bilateral security arrangements for joint operations, and hence Rimpac, the spokeswoman said.

On North Korea, Adm. Kelly said his huge fleet was ready to reinforce U.S. military presence in the-area. "It would be foolish not to have such plans," he

The U.S. 7th Fleet, which covers the Western Pacific and home ported in Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, would probably have over-all command of U.S. forces should any hostilities break out on the Korean Peninsala, Adm. Kelly's spokeswoman said. Adm. Kelly's command has another fleet, the U.S. 3rd Fleet, which covers the eastern half of

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Russia and West come closer – but not too close

By Patrick Worsnip Reuter

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LONDON — In signing two key agreements this week, Russia and the West are performing an elaborate courtship ritual: They want to get closer to each other but not too close for the time being.

The accords Moscow has signed with its former ideological foes, NATO and the European Union (EU), are of historic importance if unspectacular content. They give weight to the promises of coopera-tion both sides have been making since the cold war.

The Partnership for Peace deal concluded in Brussels on Wednesday with the Western alliance, together with a separate agreement on broader pohtical ties, gives Russia the right to consultation with the West but little more.

The cooperation pact signed with the EU at its summit in Corfu on Friday eases business links, regulates tariffs and calls for discussions in four years' time on prospects for creating a free trade zone.

In mapping out these modest agreements, both sides have had to draw a fine line.

The West's strategy is to draw Russia into a web of cooperation agreements which will make it barder for the country's powerful nationalist factions, should they gain power, to retreat into isolation and aggressive chauvinism.

But no Western leader is keen for Russia to join NATO or the EU any time soon, if at all. Its buge size, military strength and potential economic clout would unbalance both organisations, the West fears.

Russia's dilemma in essence reflects a centuries-old debate between Westernisers, who want to integrate the country into Europe, and "Slavophiles" who beheve Russians are a race apart and should keep clear of the corrupt West, histo-

President Boris Yeltsin and his government, who belong broadly to the Westernising camp, are seeking to move closer to Europe and the United States, to

give Moscow a louder voice in world councils and draw in economic aid.

They want to maximise Russia's influence on the European stage but are acutely aware the nationalist and ex-Communist opposition will pounce on any sign of concessions to the West.

Western analysts say opposition leader are bound to criticise this week's agreements for cosying up to the West without bringing Russia any solid gain.

But many analysts say bardline nationalists like Vladimir Zhirinovsky have lost influence since they performed so strongly in Russia's parliamentary elections last December, and a foreign policy consensus has emerged between reformists and centrists.

"I don't sense that the opposition really can make much capital out of these foreign policy issues nowa-days," said Neil Malcolm of Britain's Birmingham University.

Mr. Malcolm also said be thought the Russians bad bargained about as far as they could with NATO and

"In the coldlight of day, they just had to grit their teeth and sign," he said. "They are just in a very weak bargaining position."

Other analysts said they thought Russia, feared by some in the West to be on the verge of disintegration just a year ago, had estab-lished itself at least as a credible country with which Western institutions wanted

to sign agreements.
"What Russia gets is recognition externally that it's not falling apart," said Bill Wallace of Glasgow University in Scotland.

The agreements strengthened the hand of Mr. Yeltsin and his Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, Mr. Wallace said. Analysts noted that while

the NATO and EU accords might not bring Russia much in economic terms, Mr. Chernomyrdin had been in the United States this week signing a deal with international oil companies and obtaining \$820 million in World Bank



CAPITAL OF CRIME; Policemen look towards a victim of a car bomb explosion in a Johannesburg satellite town (AFP photo)

South Africa in fight against violent crime

By David Tucker Reuter

JOHANNESBRUG — Political violence has fallen dramatically in South Africa in the weeks since President Nelson Mandela and his new order came to power, but there has been no let-up in violent crime.

Hard-pressed police say the chance of getting killed or maimed during armed robberies is "very high", although they deny the situation is out of control.

The commercial capital Johannesburg, last year dubbed the murder capital of the world, has always been violent, says colonel Eugene Opperman, of the

south African police ser-

"I arrived here in 1989 and was surprised at the level and intensity of vio-lent crime," said Mr. "But while political vio-

lence is way down, there's an increase in things like motor car thefts, hijackings. dents of political nurest last

month in Johannesburg's East Rand area, one of the most violent in the country, compared to 325 in May last

But the numbers of murders rose from 144 in April 1993 to 251 in the same period this year.

The national death toll in political violence, however, fell 60 per cent during May, to 195 from 487 during April. Political killings had soared in the run-up to the country's first all-race elections but then dropped off

dramatically during the actual polls from April 26 to 29. "This decrease gives a clear signal that the peace that prevailed during the election days has been maintained," said the

watchdog Human Right Commission. But violent crime is still a daily feature of South Afri-

can life... and death. "Looking at armed robbery, the probability of get-

ting maimed or killed is very high. Criminals have no regard for life," Mr. Opperman said, advising victims of potentiallyviolent crimes not to resist in order to save their lives.

"It's not worth losing your life. Don't try to be a hero," he said.

Mr. Opperman said the situation in Johannesburg... was not really as bad as it. appeared and was perhaps no worse than in any other major capital. "The violent crime al-

ways makes the news and people have the perception that it's totally out of control, but that isn't the case,"

But police predictions of

a 20 per cent rise in crime in tbe industrial heartland centred on Johannesburg and figures indicating there were 14,000 too few police on the beat in the region are none the less worrying.

In theory at least the decline in political crime should allow police to turn more attention to solving and preventing ordinary crime.

The police, in the past perceived by most blacks as the enforcement arm of apartheid, are working hard community-oriented and effective in townships awash with illegal firearms.

The easy access to weapons such as handguns and automatic rifles is viewed as one of the prime reasons for the bigh rate of violent crime.

And one idea under study is for a new amnesty on illegally held weapons which would be "bought" by the government and then destroyed.

Sociologists and the gov-ernment cite reasons for the nigh crime rate including township deprivation and the collapse in values and respect for the law during the apartheid years, the yawning gap between the baves and have-nots, and a generation of jobless black no-hopers who see crime as the easy, and perhaps the only, way to wealth.

Corruption-buster poised to take power in Belarus

Reuter

MINSK - Alexander Lukashenko, a political outsider who made a name by trying to ferret out toplevel corruption, finds himself poised to take over the top office in the former Soviet republic of Belarus.

Mr. Lukashenko, nominally a director of a state farm, won 45 per cent of the vote in Thursday's first round of Belarus's presidential election, a mere five points short of outright

He was a virtually unknown member of Belarus's conservative parliament when he shot to prominence last year with a noisy campaign denouncing virtually all the country's lead-

His personal attacks on the reputation of Stanielav Shushkevich, the country's first post-Soviet leader. were broadcast live on teleThey ultimately led to Mr. Shushkevich's wellorchestrated removal from parliament and the transfer of effective power to Prime Minister Vyacheslav Kebich, his opponent in the final round in two weeks'

Mr. Lukashenko was even more emphatic than Mr. Kebich in pressing for a closer embrace of Moscow and asked deputies 10 support him in an address to the Russian parliament earlier this year.

He prided himself on being the sole depury to vote against the 1991 Brest Pact that proclaimed the end of the Soviet Union. Mr. Lukashenko's fiery campaign pledges to root our corrupt government officials attracted huge crowds among voters weary of two years of economic

"Neither with the left nor with the right, but with the people. Against those who

deceive and plunder the nation," his campaign motto proclaimed.

His opponents denounced him as a populist. Some compared his hectoring style to that of Russian rabble-rouser Vladimir Zhirinovsky. Mr. Lukashenko, 39, had

no backing from any politicparty and relished the image of the lone crusader. He said unknown assailants fired on his car and complained he was being followed and that his

phone was being tapped. State television tried to discredit him by alleging he had used foreign help to fund his campaign. National television screened an interview two days before the vote with a woman who accused him of stealing personal possessions two years

He turned the tables by portraying himself as a victim and underdog.

BBC T.V. enters region amidst concern those paying the piper will control the tune

By Kathy Evans

This month saw the start of the BBC's bravest and potentially most controversial venture in news satellite broadcasting - its Arabic television news service to the Middle East, one of the most rigidly censored areas in the world.

In many Middle Eastern countries fashion program-mes are censored for bare flesh and local news is confined to the comings and goings in royal courts and presidential palaces.

Even before the new service starts, many Arabs are criticising the way the BBC has entered the region on the coat tails of a royal Saudi prince whose network. Orbit Communications, plans to charge viewers \$10,000 for the decorders needed to receive its 20 entertainment channels and the BBC news program-

"At this price, this is a news service for sheikhs and rich businessmen" said an angry Saudi academic.

Many Arabs also ques-tion how free the BBC will be, given that its partner, Orbit Communications, is owned by Prince Khalid Abdullah, who is a distant cousin of King Fabd.

Senior royal Saudi princes now own the two leading pan-Arabic dailies, a satellite network covering the whole region, and the international news agency UPI. Plans are under way for a new pan-Arab FM radio station. Arab editors say the BBC will become the jewel in the crown of

this media empire. "Why did the BBC choose a Saudi? Why a royal prince? Why didn't they go with a consortium of Arabs known for their support of democracy and freedom of the press?" asked Abdul Barri atwan of Al Quds newspaper. "In my view the BBC has sold its virginity.'

Some BBC employees fear that whoever pays the piper calls the tune. Under Foreign Office oversight, BBC news reporting on Saudi Arabia, Britain's largest defence customer, is already handled with extreme sensitivity. "We have built up a

reputation in the Arab World over 60 years of radio broadcasting which could be eliminated in six months," said an Arabic Service radio employee. Senior BBC executives

have beld a number of meetings with employees to reassure them that objectivity will continue. Corporation officials say Orbit will have no editorial influence

in their news programmes.
The BBC's entry into the Arab World comes a time when many governments in the area are determined to win the battle against the march of global culture. Saudi Arabia is attempting to take the "moral" lead on the issue and has decreed that importing a dish or decoder without permission will incur fines as high as £100,000. Similar bans have

"This is a question of sovereignty," commented a senior Saudi media official. "I must insist on my own identity in my own house."

been introduced by Iran,

Qatar, Malaysia and In-

Orbit's access to new cable networks in Saudi Arabia could hinge on the BBC's willingness to accept the "filtering" of its news programming, for there is a delay between the time the signal is received in the country and its transmission locally to the viewer.

- Orbit says its programmes will be carefully screened for culturally objectionable material. "Any parent in the Middle East could feel safe in leaving their five year-old daughter in front of the television with our programming," commented Phil Braden, Orbit's general manager. "As for the news, that will be controlled by the BBC."

BBC officials say they will not accept any tampering with their news prog-rammes. "Anything which interferes with what the viewer sees of our programmes would be completely unacceptable," a spokes-man said.

But Saudi media officials say there is no alternative. 'Filtering is the name of the game. Whoever does not accept the rules is not going to be in the game in fu-ture," said Abdullah Masri, who heads many Saudiowned media ventures in London.

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City of London traders expect further dollar plunge

LONDON (AFP) — Traders in the City of London expect the dollar to continue to plunge over the coming weeks, following the failure of central banks to prop up the greenback.

Friday's intervention by some 15 central banks, at the cost of \$3 hillion failed to top the currency from falling to its lowest levels in recent

We are on the edge of the. byss," warned Christian Dunis, analyst at Chemical Bank.

To make the dollar more attractive, the Federal Reserve may have to risk raising U.S. interest rates once again, which would affect the performance of U.S. companies and their ability to borrow.

As a result shares are taking the heat, as Friday's sharp falls on Wall Street, London and Paris showed, and the cbt market is bending under the pressure.

A pessimistic City does not see an end to the vicious

"I don't see big bang but a continued pressure on the dollar," said Steve Hannah of the International Bank of Japan, who expects to see the dollar fall to around 95 ven and I.5 German marks in the coming weeks.

"There is a speculative element but the fundamentals are a little bit negative for the dollar," be added.

The deepening of the trade deficit harms the greenback, since U.S. husinesses must huy foreign currency to pay these imported goods, and delays in talks with Tokyo to reduce its enormous U.S. trade surplus do

This year, said Mr. Hannah, the market has been concentrating on America's record balance of payments deficit: "The deficit is not new (but) there is a psychological element," be said.

He also pointed to the large sums leaving the country to buy foreign equities —
"and we're talking billions of dollars."

The dollar's troubles, structural or not, will not go away overnight and the large investment funds will continne to sell their dollar stakes. "Central banks are just trying to moderate the

Mr. Dunis thinks the U.S.

economy is in "good shape," with the trade deficit accentuated by the better performance of European countries. But the central banks are no match for the markets, where "thousands of billions of dollars are traded, more than the bank reserves."

The drop could be halted by decisive action at the Group of Seven (G-7) summit of the most industrialised nations in Naples early July.

"To avoid a major crisis, central banks and governments should surprise the market by striking an agreement which really scares them, and declare themselves ready to intervene massivehe said. "If the G-7 meeting ends

without result, I will sell my dollar position massisvely, confirmed one fund manager for an American bank.

In the meantime, dealers and central banks "will play cat and mouse," with the dollar slowly fluctuating downwards, said Mr. Dunis. "But each time, the central banks will lose a little more credibility," be warned.

Washington made clear last week that it doesn't want the dollar to drop any more. But analysts said the administration's previous opposition to higher interest rates and its unwillingness to compromise wrong.' in trade with Japan increase the chances the dollar will do

In the end, the analysts said, the administration risks being stuck with the worst of all worlds — a modest rate increase by the Federal Reserve (Fed) and an unsatisfactory trade pact with Japan that together fail to stop the

just that.

dollar from falling.
The U.S. central bank has already raised interest rates four times this year in an effort to slow economic growth to more sustainable evels, head off future inflation and thus prolong the

In announcing its fourth rate rise on May 17, the Fed seemed to signal that move might be the last for a while in a comment that was welcomed by Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen. Fed officials now say that

comment was misread, by both the administration and by the financial markets. "I don't think we intended to limit our flexibility," a senior Fed official, who declined to be named, said. "Anyone who thinks otherwise is

The central bank holds its next policy-making meeting July 5-6 and officials said they are not likely to raise interest rates because of the dollar

"I don't think we should chase after the exchange rate," said one official who declined to be named. "The dollar may be moving for reasons totally beyond our control, such as Japan's trade

But Fed officials did not rule ont a rate increase for domestic economic reasons. Although growth has shown some scattered signs of slowing, the economy still has considerable momentum at a time when it is operating at or near full capacity. Some analysts said the

weak dollar could tip the Fed toward raising rates again, especially if the administration blesses the move beforehand as a way to prop up the

World Bank offers to help borrowing countries reduce their military spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank, the biggest single source of international aid, is offering to help borrowing countries to cut their military spending.

'The bank stands ready to work with borrowers to analyse the impact of nondevelopment expenditures, including military expenditures, with a view to reducing them to the extent feasible, it said in a pamphlet called "governance," made public.

The bank used to avoid any public talk about countries military affairs, saying these were political matters outside its ken. But at a briefing on the pamphlet, Vice President Armeane Choksi explained that military spending can crowd out spending that the bank wants to encourage for its own main purpose: To

The bank lends about \$25 billion a year, not only for

schools and roads but also for "structural adjustment" remarking the way the bor-

rowing government works.

It is owned by 177 countries, with the United States and other richer governments holding most of the shares. Third World countries and those emerging from communist rule make up about half the members now borrowing from it.

"In many countries military expenditures account for 10 per cent of hndget whereas human and social development tends to count for less than five per cent," said Choksi, a Briton born in In-

In 1960 at the height of the cold war, Third World governments spent \$143 on their armed forces for every \$100 they spent on health and schools combined, according to the United Nations. Its latest figures — for 1990-91 — show a reversal: Only \$60 for the military compared with \$100 for health and

The World Bank thinks the Third World can do better than that, but Mr. Choksi said it would not make military cuts a condition for loans. The bank does set other kinds of conditions on its lending, such as reductions of government subsidies or government spending in general.

schools.

Two governments -Argentina and Uganda have already had belp from the bank on their military

Last year the bank lent Argentina \$200 million that has helped cut the number of civilian workers in military industry hy about 30,000 nearly half, according to Leandro Coronel, a bank spokesman. Industries owned by the ministry of defence were to the sold off, to save

lion in losses. By Mr. Coronel's figuring, Argentina's goal is to reduce military spending from about \$13.7 billion to \$5.7 hillion by

In Uganda, the hank joined with the United States. Britain and other countries by providing \$3.3 million out of \$21 million for a programme to cut the military. Mr. Coronel said the Ugandan army had been reduced from 70,000 men in 1992 to about 29,000 now. In 1993, Uganda saved \$14 mil-

Under the heading of Governance, Mr. the World Bank is also reaching into other fields that Mr. Choksi called "grey areas," such as human rights, corruption, reform of countries' judicial systems.

\$200 million a year in govern-ment subsidies and \$500 mil-

"The bank's contribution

to economic and social hu-man rights is embodied in its strategy on poverty reduc-tion," the pamphlet said, It explained that the strategy includes policies to help poor people share in-

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY JUNE 27, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to make important decisions and get excellent results as you put your personal affairs on a more solid basis and elim inate some of the confusion that you want resolved. Move quickly.

ARIES: (March 2) to April 19) Your hunches are good early in the day, so be sure to follow them. Handle all duties painstakingly and get excellent re-sults for your efforts. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

A charming person can be very belpful to you early in the day. Take extra time to improve your appearance. Express confidence to all you meet. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)

A good deal of work can be accomplished today by making proper plans. Rid yourself of whatever deters your progress in any assignment. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Try to be more helpful in your relationship

with fellow associates. Study reports and make sure they are occurate in all the details. LEO: (July 22 to August 2t) Go to the proper sources for the information you need. Financial affairs are best handled later in the day. Be more

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You could get a pleasant surprise early in the day, but could become frustrated over a minor matter later which you must deal with. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You are able to reach a personal aim early in the day, but later unexpected difficulty arises. Relax at home

tonight with your loved ones; SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You are able to gain some aim which means much to you today. Avoid one who could harm you in some way either physically or finan-

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Get in touch with as many friends as you possibly can and come to a better understanding with them for they can be very helpful on

a project. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Find a better system for handling your mounting financial affairs. Sidestep a pest who keeps annoying you and will not allow you to get anything accomplished.

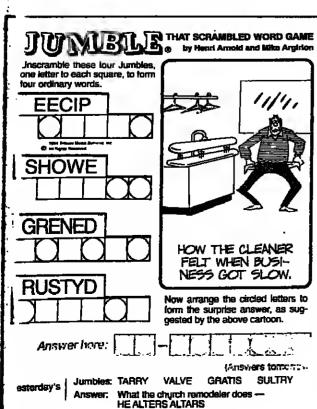
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Foreign Exchange Market Summary

(June 20-June 24, 1994)

AMMAN - After closing at 1.6095 marks and 102.69 yen at

the end of the previous week, the U.S. unit continued its

depreciation against other major currencies last week, as it

ended 2.15 per cent lower against the yen, 1.61 per cent

lower against the mark and 1.17 per cent lower against

The dollar witnessed a substantial decline against the

mark Monday, while moving marginally lower against the yen and sterling, compared to its closing levels in Tokyo

early in the day. Reports attributed much of the dollar's

weakness against the mark to the continuation of the

market's reaction to comments by the chief economist of the

Conference Board at the end of the previous week, who had

expected the dollar to decline by 10 per cent against the

mark within 18 months. Analysts also indicated that a growing sense of bearishness had been built toward the dollar, caused it to fall below the 1.60 mark level that day.

The U.S. unit continued its depreciation against other

major currencies Tuesday, especially the yen. The dollar was

reported to have fallen below the 100 yen level during trading hours, its lowest levels against the Japanese currency since the end of WWII. It managed to move higher, to close

at 100.34 yen later in the day, however. Reports indicated that there was no specific factor that could justify the dollar's decline. Others indicated that an increasing sense of pessimism had spread in the market, which accounted for

In the mmeantime, the Fed and other central banks refrained from intervening in the market to support the

dollar that day. The abstention left dealers confused and

revived speculation of a possible inability by major central

banks to coordinate an intervention due to conflicting

The dollar moved marginally higher against other major

currencies Wednesday, however, on growing expectations of

a possible coordinated intervention by a number of central

banks. Comments by two U.S. officials supported this view.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, indicated early

in the day, that the Fed could not be indifferent to sharp

dollar movements, but failed to specify particular measures

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen added later in the day that the Group of Seven members were ready to take appropriate actions to halt irregular fluctuations in the

the continued deterioration of the U.S. currency.

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doom Shahbuddin has said the wealth tax returns had been made mandatory to generate increased revenue

mit to any "blackmail."
The business community turns because they have something to conceal, she said. "If you have nothing to hide why not fill another

returns," she said. a deficit of \$2.6 billion proposes new levies totalling \$900 million and seeks to mobilise another \$500 million through a General Sales Tax (GST)

and imported items. mad Muneer said 90 per cent of the business community had rejected the budget.
Sheikh Muneer said the

Financial Markets

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Foreign Exchange Market.

AFter trading in narrow ranges Thursday, the U.S. unit dropped sharply against other major currencies Friday, especially the mark, despite several rounds of coordinated intervention by the Fed and a number of other central banks. Analysts indicated that the dollar's failure to respond to the massive intervention was attributed to the weakening of the Clinton administration's credibility in the financial markets, which revived expectations of a Fed tightening in the near future, as the only way to support the dollar. Heavy selling of dollar and dollar denominated assets by U.S. Hedge Funds, also added to the dollar's decline.

The dollar thus closed at 1.5840 marks, 100.35 yen and at \$1.5525 to the pound at the end of the week.

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Swiss Franc	4.0000	4.4400	3.9300	4.3700
French Franc	5.2500	5-4400	5.2500	5.8700
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French Franc	0.1266	0-1272
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Dutch Guilder .	0.3874	0.3893
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Oil price rise may cut GCC budget deficits

improvement in oil prices over chief economist at the the past few weeks is expected to boost the income of Gulf Arab states and cut their actual hudget deficits in 1994, bankers and economists have

"There is no doubt the recent increase in world crude prices will boost the revenues of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states as they depend heavily on oil unusal compliance by OPEC

National Commercial Bank the higgest bank in Saudi Arabia.

"This will naturally depress their actual deficit at the end of 1994 provided prices remain strong," he told AFP by telephone from Jeddah.

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members with their produc- and weak prices over the past tion agreement, higher than expected demand, the war in Yemen, the North Korean crisis and other factors, according to Gulf oil

analysts. The price of the OPEC basket of seven crudes last week hit a record \$17.04 this year before it eased later to

According to the Nicosia-based Middle East Economie Survey, top Saudi oil sources expect to gain a further \$2 in

It quoted the unnamed sources as saying that the recent "\$3-\$4 price improvement was from a very low base and a further rise of \$2 per barrel would be on the cards before the end of this

Oil provides more than 80 per cent of the GCC's income decade have created persistent deficits in the hudgets of member states, forcing them to trim spending and borrow for the first time.

Economists said GCC states - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Babrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - usually base their budgets on a minimum oil price level of between \$12 and \$15 to avert large deficits.

"If oil prices remain as strong as they are now, then the average price will be higher than \$15 this year. This means their projected budget deficits would be lower. In some members, the shortfall could turn into a surplus as was the case in the UAE in recent years," said Yusuf Khalifa, an economics professor at the Eimrates University.

French week at Inter.Continental

Jordan Inter. Continental Hotel in cooperation with the French Cultural Centre and Air France beld the French week in Amman between June 18 and June

The week included singing parties and famous French dishes prepared by French cooks working at the hotel.

At the end of the week. the botel management granted several gifts and prizes to guests and participants.

Jordan Inter. Continental Hotel's Manager Ayyoub Shukri spoke about the various programmes and activities carried out during the week, saying that they aim at encouraging cultural ties

France. Attending the party were representatives from the French Cultural Centre and Air France.

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Pakistan busineses start 2-day strike

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ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Industrial and commercial activity came to a halt in most Pakistani cities Sunday as the business community started a two-day strike against new taxation measures in the federal budget.

The strike was almost complete in the country's commercial hub Karachi where, barring some small units, 80 per cent of factories and businessess were closed, witnesses reported. Bancers hung in the city read: "We are against anti-trade and

anti-industry hudget." Main markets and shopping centres also remained closed in Islamabad and nearby Rawalpindi as well as northwestern Peshawar and the Puniab capital Lahore,

witnesses said. The strike was called hy the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) to press its demand for annuling "harsh measures" in the budget for fiscal 1994-95 which starts

Public and private transport was operating but witnesses said major trading centres joined the protest by

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Talks between businessmen and the government failed Thursday with the FPCCI accusing senior offi-cials of mistreating its mem-

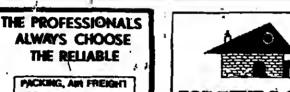
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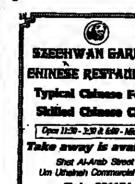




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faced a daunting start to his stewardship of the European Union Sunday, searching for a swift solution to a rift that scuppered the EU's Corfu

Britain Saturday blocked the appointment of Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Luc Deto succeed Jacques Deiors as president of the bloc's Executive Commission, isolating itself in Europe and plunging the bloc into crisis.

The debacie sourced the celebratory air of the seaside summit, gave a farewell of failure to Greece's six-month EU presidency and left Mr. Kohl with just three weeks to find a way out before leaders reconvene in emergency session on July 15.

"I would have much preferred to have reached a decision today rather than have it dumped on my doorstep,"
Mr. Kohl told a news conference at the end of the twoday Corfu meeting. Germany takes over the

EU presidency Friday. Mr. Kohl, who had championed Mr. Dehaene's candidacy along with France, must now engage in burried consultations with EU leaders before their mid-July

FBI chief

to leave on

trip to Russia

WASHINGTON (R) — FBI chief Louis Freeh departs

Monday with a delegation of

U.S. law enforcement offi-

cials for a 10-day trip to

Russia and nearby nations

aimed at cracking down on

the growing menace of orga-

director to ever travel to Rus-

sia, said the fact-finding mis-

sion will focus on ways to

combat the alarming spread

of organised crime and drug

trafficking in Russia and

"The purpose of our trip to

Europe is to join together

with other nations in anti-

crime programmes that will

benefit all. This is a step that

is long overdue," Mr. Freeh told a news conference at FBI

Russia has been hit by a

drastie and much-publicised

rise in criminal gang activity

in the few years since the

Soviet Union and its Com-

munist system crumbled and

a painful shift toward free-

market capitalism got under

Way.
U.S. officials estimate Rus-

sians gangs total more than 100,000 members, and that

their criminal activity has

undermined the govern-

ment's economic reforms by

requiring legitimate

husinesses to make large

They said the gangs also

linked up with Colombian

drug cartels and the Sicilian

mafia and were responsible

for a wide array of crimes in

Yeltsin earlier this month

issued a sweeping decree giv-

ing security forces special

powers to crack down on

gangs, causing his critics to

complain that it threatens hu-

Mr. Freeh, who has yet to

hear if he will get a requested meeting with Mr. Yeltsin, said the decree represented

an effort to deal with "an

avalanche of violeut crime

threatening the very structure

had caused him to make any

changes in his trip, Mr. Freeh

replied, "No. Not at this

also plans to open the FBI's

first office in Moscow ou July

delegation will meet with law

enforcement officials in Ger-

many, the Czech and Slovak

republics, Hungary, Poland,

Lithuania, Ukraine and Au-

stria. In Lithuania, the

Americans will confer with

officials from Latvia aud

The delegation will start

the meetings in Berlin Tues-

day, discussing cooperative

efforts with the Germans

against hate crimes by neo-

Nazis, skinheads and other

Estonia.

similar groups.

During the visit, Mr. Freeh

Besides Russia, the U.S.

Asked if the Yeltsin decree

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Another impasse not only would risk raising the ire of the new European Parliameut, which fears more delay would threaten its right to confirm the entire new commission in office, but could also reflect poorly on Mr. Kohl in a crucial election усат.

French President Francois Mitterrand and Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou gave renewed backing to Mr. Dehaene Saturday, saying Britain was out of step with its 11 partners on its vision of Europe.

Mr. Dehaene's spokeswoman said he would not withdraw.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd Sunday ruled out any question of Britain reconsidering its veto, saying Prime Minister John Major believed it was time to stand firm against the federalist style of Europeans like Mr.

The British "no", spoken by Mr. Major in an echo of the battles fought with the rest of Europe by his predecessor Margaret Thatcher, meaut Mr. Kobl would almost certainly have to find a new candidate acceptable

change under any circumstances. There is no point in inviting me to reconsider," said Mr. Major, who acted under intense pressure from Euro-sceptic members of his divided and deeply unpopu-

Netherlands indicated they

would not block Mr.

Dahaene, but Britain beld

out against him after both

Mr. Lubbers and Mr. Brittan

opposed Mr. Dehaene be-

cause he was a "big govern-

Mr. Major said he bad

"Jean-Luc represents a

tradition of big government

and intervention, a tradition

which is not necessarily in

touch with the direction in

which Europe is heading," he

Britain was also among a

number of delegations which had resented what they saw

as an attempt by France and Germany, the EU's tradition-

al powerbrokers, to steamrol-

The row overshadowed the

rest of the summit, at which Russia and the EU signed a

landmark partnership pact and Austria, Sweden, Fin-land and Norway sealed

accession treaties in spectacu-

priorities of Germany's six-

month EU tenure as forcing

the pace of European in-

tegration and preparing the

entry of four new members from the start of 1995.

Rage over

Keating

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Hawke

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Hawke in 1991.

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SYDNEY (AFP) - Austra-

lia's most successful Labour

politician, former Prime

Minister Bob Hawke, is fac-

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movement he led for a de-

cade for accusing his succes-

sor, Paul Keating, of denig-

Meantime, Mr. Keating

leaves "the arse end of the

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private conversation with Mr.

Mr. Keating, who denies

the comment, is due late

Monday in Indonesia for

talks with President Subarto.

toral damage observers be-

lieve is flowing from the row,

Labour colleagues have con-

demned Mr. Keating's accus-

er and their former leader.

But many observers and

Labour politicians believe

that as damaging as it will be

to Mr. Keating, the accusa-

tion will he even more

damaging to Mr. Hawke -

and his place in the history

Mr. Hawke, who made the

charge in his soon-to-be pub-

lished memoirs, led Labour

to a record four terms in office

Mr. Keating's supporters, convinced Mr. Hawke could

not win another election, en-

gineered a successful party

room coup in which Mr.

Hawke was ousted in late

1992 and Mr. Keating was

elevated, retaining the pre-miership in a hrilliant elec-

The Conservative opposi-

tion has seized on the com-

ment with gusto and is using

it to present Mr. Keating as

disloyal to his country.

WASHINGTON (R)

President Bill Clinton bas in-

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lar Conservative Party.
The appointment of the commission president, a post Frenchman Delors turned into one of world stature during 10 years at the helm, requires unanimity.

Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berluscoui, who was attending his first EU summit, said the British veto had made the search for an alternative to Mr. Dehaene inevitable.
"I think everyone must

show goodwill. The problem is urgent and so it needs a rapid solntion. I think it can be done if a name emerges that could attract the consensus of all," he said. Mr. Dehaene won the sup-

port of eight states in an informal poll of EU leaders late Friday, with Italy, Spain and the Netherlands backing **Dutch Prime Minister Rund** Lubbers and one - Britain supporting EU Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brit-

Italy, Spain, and later the



A Haddian woman buys black market gasoline embargo has forced the price of fuel up to \$8 in Port-Au-Prince. The complete U.S.-U.N. per gallon (AFP photo) Aristide pledges political amnesty

MUNICH, Germany (AFP)

— Ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide said he would declare an amnesty for his political foes on his return home, in an interview published by Focus magazine Sunday.

Asked if he would put the military leadership that over-threw him on trial, he said: "No. First of all I would declare a political annesty. I have undertaken to do so under Article 147of our constitution."

Mr. Aristide said he would begin by seeking reconciliation with his enemies and a reform of the legal system so that justice was not simply bought with money.

He said the population was "99.5 per cent" behind him, and those that fled the country following his ouster were awaiting only the restoration of democracy to go back. He denied that he had ever

called for U.S. military intervention to return him to power, saying what he had always wanted was "a solution with the help of the international community." He called for a separation

of police and army powers in Haiti and an end to the situation where "an army only 7,000-strong eats up 40 per cent of the state budget," and expressed support for a tough embargo against the regime.

"Only a total embargo can shorten my people's time of suffering," he said. "Unfor-tunately that has only recent-

ly been called for. But for the military the game is now up." Meanwhile, Haiti's army chief General Raoul Cedras has withdrawn about \$500,000 in hard currency from the country's central

bank, the Washington Post said Saturday. The Post said the reason

Gen. Cedras withdrew the money last week was not clear, but one source said it might be a prelude to the general's flight from the country.

Other sources told the Post they believed the money would go to finance a new lobbying campaign in the United States against the return of President Aristide.

If so, said diplomats and officials of the government of acting Prime Minister Robert Malval, it would be a strong indication the military had no intention of abandoning pow-

The report came as U.S. and Canadian airlines halted all flights to Haiti, increasing its isolation. On Wednesday, the United States froze the assets of hundreds of Haitians in the United States and in Haitian branches of U.S.

S. Korea arrest over 330 protesters pus of Kyunghee University in Seoul while hundreds of "We sent in 5,000 riot

and stones in a bid to repel a

huge police attack that began

Backed by several black

at dawn, witnesses said.

SEOUL (R) - South Korea, intensifying a crackdown on in Seoul while hundreds of labour strife that threatens students threw petrol bombs the nation's robust economy, Sunday used thousands of riot police to crush antigovernment protests by strikers and students.

The Defence Ministry, meanwhile, ordered bun-dreds of soldiers to replace train engineers and mechanics who defied a government ban on work stoppages and paralysed the nation's railway

transport. Riot police stormed two ampuses and a Christian building in Seoul and arrested more than 330 work-

ers and students. More than 1,000 striking subway workers fled the cam-

DHAKA (R) — Fugitive feminist writer Taslima Nas-

rin, under warrant of arrest

and with Muslim fun-

damentalists calling for her

death, has asked for asylum

in the United States, Bang-

ladesh newspapers said Sun-

Dr. Nasrin has requested

the New York-based Interna-

tional Women's Committee

of the writers' group Pen to

lobby the U.S. government, the government-ruu Bang-ladesh Times said.

The iudepeudent daily

New Nation gave details of

her request to Pen. "I am in

great danger. Any time the fundamentalists will kill me,"

"The government is

against me. So I have no

scope to escape from this dangerous situation," Dr.

Meredith Tax of Pen.

she said.

armoured vans spewing a cloud of choking teargas, riot police later stormed another university campus where the protesters had regrouped.

Students and strikers, armed with steel pipes and petrol bombs, fought a pitch-ed battle with police on the campus of Dougduk

Women's University. Despite Sunday's huge operation, police said they man-

Bangladeshi writer wants asylum in U.S.

comment.

thoroughly".

aged to arrest only 88 striking workers and students on the campuses.

U.S. embassy officials in

The fury of the Muslims

was provoked when Dr. Nas-

rin, who is in her early 30s,

was quoted by India's States-

man newspaper as saying

Islam's holy book, the Koran, should be "revised

She has denied saying this.

Earlier sbe had drawn

widespread criticism in Bang-

ladesh for her attacks on reli-

gion and marriage, and

The government ordered

her arrest after the Bang-

ladesh Times reprinted the

Statesman article on June 4.

A fundamentalist leader,

Mufti Nazrul Islam, later

offered a 100,000 taka

(\$2,500) reward for her

death. Other fundamentalists

followed suit. She has since

promoting free love.

Dhaka were not available for

police but only after most of the strikers left the campuses," a police spokesman Thousands of subway

workers began an indefinite strike Friday to press their demands for higher pay and to protest against a govern-ment crackdown on union activities.

The Seonl Metropolitan Subway Corporation mobilised reserve train drivers and managed to keep most lines operating on skeleton timet-

State rail workers, mean-

while, paralysed the national overground network for a fourth day.

been in hiding.
Dr. Nasrin fuelled the con-

troversy by telling the Au-

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poration last week that Islam

treats "women as slaves

and... women must live out-

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The government told

Dhaka-hased diplomats

Wednesday Bangladesh did

not want any outside interfer-

"Please don't interfere.

Let the issue be handled by

us. It is a very sensitive issue

that many of you, except the

Muslims, will not nnder-stand," Foreign Secretary

Mufleh Osmany told the di-

ladesh's charge d'affaires in

Stockholm on the same day

to express its concern for Dr.

Sweden called in Bang-

ence on Dr. Nasrin.

plomats.

BELJING (AP) - An American zoo association plans to donate \$100,000 in cash and equipment to China's programmes for protecting the rare giant panda, the official China Daily newspaper said. Dennis Meritt and Sydney Butler of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association announced the donation while in Beijing after visiting a panda reserve, the newspaper said. The association has more than 160 member zoos, it said. "The aid will be used to build new monitoring stations in reserve areas for research, personnel training and the education of villagers," the paper quoted Mr. Meritt, the association president, as saying. The U.S. association is negotiating a \$30 million, long-term cooperative panda preservation project with the Chinese, the paper said, hut gave no details. It said the project still needs approval from both the Chinese and U.S. governmeut. An estimated, 1,000 giant pandas survive in the wild in China, their native home, while there are several hundred in zoos worldwide. Their numbers have declined sharply as humans log and farm on the cool, bamboo-

opens to self-out

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) latest full-length animated fe-ature. The Lion King, which opened in South Africa Fri-Zulu-speaking younger mar-ket. "We expected a slow start," Mr. Reid said, adding that some cinemas had Friday

Kravchuk says life in Ukraine will improve

crime-fighting KIEV (R) - President Leonid Kravchnk, seeking reelection Sunday, told voters he had built up a state without chaos and said their lives would improve over

> Mr. Kravchuk clashed with his main challenger over foreign policy, praising the West's attitude to Kiev. He pledged Ukraine would join a major international treaty to rid itself of nuclear arms for "...In the bistorical pers-

pective, we have built a state in 21/2 years years without a shot being fired, without war or cataclysm," Mr. Kravcbuk said after voting in central "We have far to go to ideal

Another key concern will democracy, a market ecobe ways to strengthen security measures to prevent the nomy, social guarantees. But possible theft of nuclear the direction bas becu weapons from Russia and chosen... Within one, two, three years everything will be in its other parts of the former Soviet Union for sale to terrorist groups, he said.

Kravchuk, praised in the West for persuading parlia-

ment to agree to give up uuclear weapons, pledged Ukraine would join the 1968 uon-proliferation treaty

Mr. Kravehuk said the West was examining ways of providing assistance to Ukraine and praised a cooperation treaty with the European Union as a first step to closer ties. Mr. Kravchuk's main rival

in the vote, former Prime Minister Leonid Kuchma, questioned Western aid to Ukraine Sunday and said he would not press immediately for joining NPT if elected.

Meanwhile, Ukrainians voted Sunday in the presidential election and officials reported a steady stream of people turning up to cast their ballot under cloudless

Polls in the former Sovict republic were open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (0400 to 1700 GMT) and first results were expected early Monday.



Volunteer workers at a rescue station in Cape Town help off-load oil-covered penguins from Robben Island

Winds halt S. Africa's penguin mercy mission

CAPE TOWN (AFP) — Howling winds Sunday halted the South African Air Force's heliconter airlift of penguins polluted by a massive oil slick bubbling up from a sunken tanker off the coast of Cape

Sea Fisheries pollution expert Anton Moldan said the adverse weather conditions had prevented coast guard vessels from reaching the slick to begin dispersal opera-

tions. The thick crude has caused the worst-ever ecological disaster on the Atlantic seaboard off Cape Town, polluting penguin colonies and covering tourist beaches in

black slime. · Moldan said two coast guard vessels left Cape Town harbour with 100,000 litres (26,000 gallons) of oil dispersant on board very early Sunday hut were forced back by Force Eight winds. The oil is leaking from the hull of Spanish tanker Castel-

lo De Bellver, which was deliberately sunk off Saldanha Bay, 90 kilometres (55 miles) northwest of here, in September 1983. Environmentalists fear the

oil will wreck the fragile ecology of the Western Cape coast, which is rich in fish, rock lobster and perlemoen. The oil Thursday began washing ashore on the island,

"Half measures, quick which boasts a 40,000-strong Jackass penguin colony, as well as on Robben Island, seven nautical miles from Cape Town, where prisoners have been drafted in to help thusiasm for a bipartisan pick up the penguins.

that quick-fix compromises "only make matters Mr. Clinton, trying to deal with a Congress searching for a compromise version of the sweeping health reform proposals he offered earlier in the year, stressed his demand

that the final plan apply to all "Now that we've come this far, we mustn't turn back," Mr. Clinton said in his weekly radio address to the nation. In a direct appeal to memuniversal coverage. bers of the Senate and House

of Representatives, Mr. Clinton said, "momentum is building toward a solution for the health care crisis. And, as we settle on one, we must make sure we go to the root of the problems in the current sometimes.

fixes, things that sound better than they actually will work will ouly make matters worse," he warned Mr. Cliuton showed no en-

proposal crafted by a group of politically moderate senators trying to break a deadlock in the powerful Senate Finance Committee.

The compromise plan would not require busine or individuals to buy health insurance. Instead it would rely upon market reforms, tax breaks and vouchers for the poor to cover at least 95 per cent of the population by

"We've heard a lot about measures lately that wouldn't provide coverage to all families," said Mr. Clinton, who has threatened to veto legislation that failed to insure

"But make no mistake, measures that are halfhearted would, at best, guarantee that things stay only about as good as they are now - the poor would get health care, the wealthy would get health care, the middle class would get it

Mr. Clinton has proposed requiring employers to pay 80 per cent of workers health insurance hut said he was open to compromise as long as the final plan protected all

Americans Mindful that one-third of the Senate and all 435 seats in the House are at stake in the. November election, Mr. Clinton pointed out that members of Congress and the executive hranch "have a great deal right now" because the federal government pays

for its employees. "Now I helieve every working American deserves these same benefits," Mr. Clinton said, urging Americans "to tell Congress that you believe the same thing." In the Republican re-

sponse, New Jersey Representative Jim Sakton, alluding to Mr. Clinton's attack on American "cynicism" in a call to a talk radio show Friday, said the problem with health care is not cynicism but scepticism.

"When it comes to your health care bill, the American people are not cynical,

they're sceptical. And they have reason to be," he said.
"It's not that the American people are unwilling or unahle to understand your plan. It is that the American peo-

ple have rejected your big

Clinton to Congress: Avoid quick-fix on health government, high tax approach," he added.

He called for a less ambitious approach than Mr. Clinton advocates hut said, "unfortunately Congress can't pass a meaningful health care reform bill until President Clinton abandons his my way or the highway position. most of the insurance costs Meanwhile, the House

Ways and Means Committee held an unusual Saturday session in a bid to complete its version of health reform legislation by the end of next week, when Congress hreaks for a week-long July 4th holiday recess.

The panel worked its way through some less controversial amendments to the bill, after setting aside until next week the more difficult issue of whether or not to include price controls. "We are really still debat-

ing that on our side," Acting Chairman Sam Gihbons of Florida said.

The ways and means hill in a departure from Mr. Clinton's proposal, would create a new Medicare programme for poor people and small

Cavalry, Indians meet again peacefully

FORT MEADE, South Dakota (AFP) — The 7th Cavalry and the Indians mer here Saturday in memory of the historic Battle of Little Bighorn fought more than a century ago. The ceremony, organised partly by the 7th Cavalry Regimental Association, drew cavalry and Indian tribe members from across the United States. It began with a borse ride to nearby Bear Butte and ended with a ceremony on Fort Meade parade ground. Indian tribes defeated Lt General George Custer and his cavalary in the battle in Montana 118 years ago to the day.

Christlans stage 'marches for Jesus'

LONDON (AFP) — More than 100,000 Christians of mixed denominations staged 'marches for Jesus" Saturday in three European cities, as organisers said millions would make similar demonstrations of their faith worldwide during the day. In Londou, where the day of marches was conceived in 1987, around 50,000 joined the celebration Saturday afternoou. Meauwbile in Berlin a similar number of mainly young Germans walked hehind a huge wooden cross to the Olympic Stadium's Church of Remebrance, where they sang hymns and prayed. Organisers there said Christians from "all communities and churches" took part, although the Berlin-Brandeburg Evangelical Church and the city's Roman Catholie Bishop distanced themselves from the German event. And in Prague some 5,000 representatives of around a dozen Christian groups — including Catholics — marched through the city centre declaring their faith and praying for justice and youth education, organisers said. Similar marches were to take place in almost 650 towns worldwide during the day, with a total of some 15 million people expected to participate, the organisers of the Berlin event

U.S. zoo group to donate funds

covered mountain slopes in ceutral and southern China that pandas roamed for cen-

Disney Film audiences

- Walt Disney Pictures' day, was drawing bumper audiences, distributors Ster-Kinekor said Saturday. "Most cinemas are sold out," said Ster-Kinekor general manager Graham Reid. "We are very happy indeed." According to Mr. Reid, however, business in theatres screening the Zuln version of the movie was "rather slow." For the first time ever, Disney has allowed one of its animated features to be dubbed into Zulu, the most commonly spoken black language in southern Africa, in an attempt to capture the huge morning drawn no audiences

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Japan's Service of the servic manoeuvres for return So not these

The cores out them to the core of the core TOKYO (R) - Japan's main opposition party took up the Terror Des outgoing coalition's challenge to try to form a government. taking tentative steps Sunday towards an alliance with smaller groups which could escort it back to power.

to power

Tsutomu Hata resigned as prime minister Saturday together with his minority government rather than lose a no-confidence vote in parhament.

His only other option was to call a snap general election, which he ruled out because it would create a political vaccum.

Mr. Hata was the second prime minister to be chosen from the multi-party coalition erner and method that ousted the Liheral Democratic Party (LDP) last August after 38 years of unbroken rule.

Yoshiro Mori, LDP secretary-general, on Sunday met his counterpart Wataru Kubo of the Socialists, the second largest opposition party, Japanese news media said. The two agreed that a new government should be established as soon as possi-

NHK public television said the LDP also wanted talks with New Party Sakigake, composed of former LDP lawmakers.

LDP President Yohei Kono hinted that bis party could work out an alliance with the two groups and even reach a broad policy agreement with the Socialists, their past arch-enemy.

Mr. Kono was taking up the challenge from leaders of Japan's departing coalition to try to form a government. Disarray looks certain

since no party bolds a majority. Police differences and power struggles exist both among the parties and within "We can't say what will happen tomorrow. In fact,

morning what will happen in said Kozo the afternoon," said Kozo Watanabe, deputy secretarygeneral of the Shinseito, another leading force in Mr. Hata's coalition.

That bodes ill for Japan, which faces an urgent agenda including a Group of Seven (G7) summit next month and is trying to limit the damage to economic recovery from the rise of the yen to post-World War II highs against the dollar.

Japan is likely to be press-The second of the second of th ed hy Washington and other trade partners to stimulate its economy and cut its huge, trade surplus at the G7 summit in Naples on July 8-10.

Last year then-Prime Minister Kiiehi Miyazawa hosted the G7 summit in Tokyo as a lame duck, having already lost a no-confidence vote and scheduled snap elec-

This year, Mr. Hata had expected to meet U.S. President Bill Clinton on the summit sidelines to discuss progress in trade talks, which reopened this month after a Othree-month deadlock.

In a 10-minute telephone conversation Sunday, Mr. Hata assured Mr. Clinton Japan would push ahead with trade talks and briefed the president about bis decision to resign, the Kyodo News Service reported.

The coalition government had pledged to work out a package of market-opening and deregulation measures before the summit, as well as outline plans for domestic

tax reform "We could extend the current session of parliament fora bit but we can't put off the summit," the LDP's Kono said. The current session of parliament is due to end on

June 29. Japanese media speculated that despite the coalition's challenge to the LDP and the Socialists, its stategists still hoped either to link up with the Socialists or to force both parties to split and form a fresh alliance with parts of

each. Coalition officials left the door open for talks.

"Except for the Japan Communist Party, there is a lot of common ground on policies including foreign policy and defence," said Kozo Watanabe, deputy secretary-general of the Shinseito, another leading force in Mr. Hata's toppled coali-

Masayoshi Takemura, head of former LDP splinter group New Party Sakigake, a coalition partner until April, said Mr. Hata's re-election could not be ruled out.



A Ghanaian U.N. soldier peers through the facade of the U.N. headquarters as government soldiers and rebels exchange gunfire in failed to agree on a temporary ceasefire (AFP the streets of Kigali. U.N. troops abandoned

plans to evacuate refugees trapped behind battle lines in the capital after the two sides

German parties battle for key state

MAGDEBURG, Germany (R) - Voters in the depressed eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt elect a new government Sunday, with Germany's two main parties hoping for a strong showing ahead of October's general elections.

Opinion polls showed the ruling Christian Democrats (CDU) and the Social Democrats (SPD) running neckand-neck in the state, which has the nation's highest unemployment.

But voter turnout on a sweltering day was sluggisb up to midday and a low turnout could help the reformed communist Party of Demo-cratic Socialism (PDS), which may grab about 20 per cent of the vote and take third place. Election officials said only 25 per cent of the state's 2.16 million voters had cast their ballots by noon.

The vote is the latest in 19 hallots to be held in Germany this year, leading up to general elections on Oct. 16. Saxony-Anhalt, where unemployment is above 19 per

eastern German states to vote this year. State Premier Christopher Bergner, who like Chancellor Helmut Kohl had hauled the

CDU out of a deep popular-

cent, is the first of the five

ity trough, said Sunday he was optimistic voters will make the CDU the largest party in Saxony-Anhalt

"I feel the same way Chancellor Kohl does," Mr. Berg-ner confidently told German radio Sunday morning after casting his ballot. "I want to know what the voters have to

Mr. Kohl, who has brought the CDU roaring back ahead of the SPD in national opinion polls in recent months, bas campaigned extensively on behalf of Mr. Bergner in this bell-shaped state just east of the former East German

Earlier this year, Mr. Bergner became the third state premier in the state after his predecessor, Werner Muench, was forced to resign in the wake of a financial scandal. The CDU had then been given virtually no chance of hanging on to pow-

But Mr. Bergner, a humble and soft-spoken easterner who rides the train to work each morning, has suceeded in erasing the scandal from voters' minds and brought the CDU in the state back on

The CDU won 31.2 per cent in local elections two weeks ago, considered a dress rehearsal for today's vote. The SPD scored a disappointing 29.7 per cent, although they improved on

the 1990 score of 26 per cent. Mr. Bergner's SPD challenger, Reinhard Hoeppner, admitted frustration that voters had forgotten the numerous CDU scandals in the state. He has also failed to profit from the state's high unemployment rate, but was still confident.

"I assume that I will come out on top today," Mr. Hoeppner said after casting his ballot.

A strong showing by the CDU in Saxony-Anhalt could keep the wind for Kohl's reelection hid blowing in the right direction.

But a win for the SPD could help reverse the sharp slide in the popularity of Mr. Kobl's SPD ehallenger, Rudolf Scharping. Mr. Scharping gave a rousing and widely acclaimed speech to SPD delegates in the nearby town of Halle last week.

An opinion poll by the respected Emnid Institute published Sunday found that the CDU would win 38 per cent of the vote if a federal hallot were held Sunday, up four percentage points from a similar survey a week ago.

U.N. puts off bid to rescue Rwandan orphans in Kigali

KIGALI (R) — The United Nations Sunday put off an attempt to rescue a group of unaccompanied children and orphans among 30,000 civilians it says are trapped like hostages by Rwanda's civil war in the capital Kigali.

After several days of intense fighting, Kigali was deathly silent for much of the night but the U.N. said it had postponed plans to evacuate about 200 trapped Tutsis mostly children — after failing to win guarantees of safe

French troops, meanwhile, fanned out across the southwest of the country to prevent fresh massacres following the killing of an estimated 500,000 people in two months of ethnic and related blood-

letting.
The U.N. said Sunday that most of the trapped civilians were Tutsis caught behind government lines.

"Altogether there are about 25,000 on the govern-ment side," U.N. Assistance Mission In Rwanda (UN-AMIR) military spokesman Major Jean-Guy Plante told reporters.

He said an estimated 5,200

were in U.N.-guarded centres in city territory controlled by the rebel Rwanda Patriotic Front (RFP). "On both sides they are hostages," he

The U.N. once again put back plans to rescue 200 people, mostly unaccompanied Tutsi children and orphans, from the Saint Michel Cathedral on the government

UNAMIR had to abort an attempt to truck the children out of Saint Michel and take a similar number of people out of rebel lines Saturday after both sides violated a temporary truce and failed to provide security. Former French Humanita-

rian Affairs Minister Bernard Kouchner failed earlier this month to secure the release of the Saint Michel children. The largest concentration

of Tutsis on the government side is in the Sainte Famille Chnreb complex, where 8,000 people are surrounded by Hutu militias.

The militias butchered 60 boys they dragged out of famille on June 11, sparking international outrage that led to the French-led

"Operation Turquoise" to save civilians in the Rwandan bloodbath.

The RPF responded by conducting a commando raid in which some 600 people from Sainte Famille were rescued from the church, but the mibitias retaliated once more by killing an unknown number of people inside.

Maj. Plante said that an estimated 10,000 of the people on the government side were in hiding and that each time Tutsis were evacuated from compounds more streamed into them.
He added that UNAMIR,

which had been barely able to monitor events on the government side because of heavy fighting there, had not heard of any fresh massacres for more than a week.

In the southwest, a convoy of French troops rolled across the Rwandan border from Zaire Sunday morning as Operation Turquoise spread across the southwest of the country.

The convoy of 13 jeeps and two trucks, carrying paratroopers, anti-tank missiles and machine guns, came from Bukavu, a Zairean town on the southern banks of Lake Kivu, where France has set up one of the three major

bases for its mission. Other French troops were driving into Rwanda on the north side of Lake Kivu after erossing over from their second major logistics base at the Zairean town of Goma Saturday.

French troops are unlikely to come to Kigali despite the crisis. The rebels, who bave the upper hand in the civil war, bave threatened to attack French troops if they hinder their efforts to crush government loyalists.

The rebeis, nighly distrustful of France because it armed and trained their government foes, say they might accept their mission if it is proved to be to simply humanitarian.

UNAMIR Commander Major-General Romeo Dal- .: laire was set to fly to the eastern Zaire town of Goma in the next few days to meet up with French officers.

There is obviously a need for coordination," said Maj. -

Too many candidates could sink right in French elections

PARIS (AFP) — The French right could scnpper its chances of winning presiden-tial elections in the spring of 1995 as a band of rivals lines up in hopes of winning the rich prize.

Although a right-wing coalition routed the Socialists in legislative elections in March, 1993, the right is spoiling its chances with one rival after another making his pitch, raising the possibility that a leftist could win by

It is already clear that the two rightist front-runners, Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, will both be standing in the first round of the presidentials next April, even though they are in the same party, the Rally For the Republic (RPR).

They are ignoring repeated calls by Interior Minister Charles Pasqua for "primaries" within the governing majority to present a single candidate at the polls.

He fears that right-wing Socialist, as they did in 1981 and 1988, when outgoing President Francois Mitterrand won successive sevenyear mandates.

In addition to Mr. Chirac and Mr. Balladnr, other right-wing war horses threw their cap into the ring last week, encouraged by con-tinuing disarray on the left. Former President Velery Giscard d'Estaing, head of the centre-right component of the ruling coalition, the Union for French Democra-

cy, pushed his pawns in a television appearance. Cagey, he said: "It could be that I shall stand. It could be that I shall not stand." But Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, 68, who was ousted by Mr. Mitterrand in 1981, made it clear

he is definitely interested. Former Prime Minister Raymond Barre, 70, also of the UDF, said he was ready to "take the risk" of being a candidate "if I have the means."

All the candidates are being coy about actually saying they will stand, including RPR leader Chirac, 61, who in another television appearance presented a slim volume entitled A new

rance: Kenexions Part I. The occasion was seen as the launching of Mr. Chirac's presidential campaign, although he said this would be "premature." His Reflezions Part II are expected to be released in the actual cam-

Mr. Balladur, three years his senior, came under veiled attack from Mr. Chirac, who said that a prime minister's job was "a full-time activity," and should leave him no time to fight a presidential cam-

The prime minister was bliged to postpone his own television appearance, scheduled on the same evening on June 20 on a different channel, when he was to have set forth his government's plans for the next six months. Mr. Balladur will not

address the nation this coming Monday, Jane 27, when he was expected to dodge questions about his own can-

The situation would be more serious for the right if it were not for the disarray of the left, whose leader, Michel Rocard, resigned last Sunday after a disastrous showing in the European elections.

For the moment, the left favourite in the opinion polls, outgoing European Commission President Jacques Delors, 68, is also being coy. He refused last Thursday

to speak before his EU mandate runs out next January. "This is not tactics ou my part, I am not allowed to get involved in internal politics."

A opinion poll last week placed Mr. Delors, a former finance minister on the right of the Socialists, at almost level pegging with Mr. Balla-dur in confidence rating for the presidency.

The poll, carried out by the CSA Institute for the daily Le Parisien, gave 47 per cent for Mr. Delors (np four points in a month) against 48 per cent (down one point) for Mr. Balladur.

Mr. Chirac came third with 38 per cent (down two points) and Health Minister Simoné Veil fourth.

An ontsider for the Socialists could be Mr. Delors's own daughter, 43-year-old Martine Aubry, who, as one G Socialist warhorse put it, 3 could bring a breath of fresh air to a French political scene dominated by the old.

Ms. Aubry, a former; labour minister, rated 16 and Der cent first round of presidentials against Mr. Balladur and Mr. ? Chirac in an April opinion poll, compared with 19 and 20.5 per cent for Mr. Rocard.

Murtaza Bhutto starts campaign in Sind KARACHI (AFP) — Braving scorching heat and police ters had been arrested to the people as did his late

ned railway tracks to preet Murtaza Bbutto during his maiden tour of Sind after 16 years in self-exile.

The estranged brother of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, concluding a train tour of his southern home province late Saturday, dubbed the government's alleged attempts to keep his suppor-ters away as its "political defeat. Murtaza, 39, who was re-

leased on hail June 5 after seven months in jail, undertook a day-long journey to Karachi from the family's ancestral hometown of Lar-

People claiming to have been harassed by the local officials broke through the police cordon at several

Murtaza told journalists

ABUJA (AFP) — Nigeria's military ruler General Sani

Abacha will open a much-

vaunted national constitu-

tional conference Monday

amid a mood of unpre-

cedented crisis, following the

arrest last week of the coun-

try's main opposition figure.

Abacha, who took power in

November last year, hinges

on the conference which is

promoted as the key part of a

much-promised but delayed

return to democracy and civi-

The opposition, barred

from the conference, had

already dismissed it as a

farce. But it is now in open

rebellion after the arrest of

Moshood Abiola, widely he-

lieved to have won Nigeria's

annulled free elections last

The opposition and trade

unions are demanding the im-

mediate resignation of

Ahacha's "illegal" regime and the release of Mr.

Ahiola, with the powerful oil

and gas workers' union

NUPENG threatening in-

dustrial action in this major

Britain and the United

States have also denounced

Mr. Ahiola's arrest, with

Washington saying it raised

very serious questions with

respect to the Nigerian gov-

'ernment's commitment to

restoring unhindered, civilian

oil-producing country.

lian government.

The credibility of Gen.

tear-gas and baton charges to disperse crowds.

Trying to project himself as political heir to his late father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Mnrtaza said: "I belong to the whole nation."

"As far as I am concerned, Sind has given its verdict," he said as hordes of people turned out in temperatures ranging above 37 degrees Celsius (99 degrees Fahrenheit). Mnrtaza's tour indicates

that he might pose a tangi-ble threat to his sister. He said he does not intend to confront her directly at present. But he remains hosnile to his brother-in-law. Asif Ali Zardari, charging him with excessive corruption.

He told supporters that he would go against his own

Mr. Abiola was held by

police Thursday after declar-

ing himself "president and

commander-in-chief of the

armed forces of Nigeria" on

June 11, anniversary of the

Other opposition leaders

arrested during a month of

growing resistance to Gen.

Abacha's regime have been

detained and charged with

The Lagos Federal High

Court was due to hear an

appeal by Mr. Ahiola Mon-

day, who wants the court to

order his release and to grant

an injunction restraining the

government from infringing

billed free and fair by inter-

national observers, but

annulled by then junta leader

General Ibrahim Babangida

Gen. Babangida stepped

down in August in favour of

an unelected civilian adminis-

tration which Gen. Abacha

overthrew in November, dis-

The parliament's home in

Abuja, the country's official

capital, came hack to life this

weekend as delegates arrived

for the constitutional confer-

The impressive fountain in

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Last year's election was

on his fundamental rights.

Nigerian constitutional conference

prepares to open amid crisis

election.

tear-gas, thousands of people throughout Sindh. He said he father, whose legacy is now and sister.

Ali Bbutto, who founded the ruling Pakistan People's Party, was hanged by the military regime of late General Zia Ül Haq in 1979. Murtaza went into exile, first in Kabul and later Damascus and headed the Al Zulfikar Organisatison (AZO), which launehed attacks against Gen. Zia's martial law. Murtaza is facing a string of terrorism charges in his alleged role as the AZO chief.

The tussle between the brother and sister has left party supporters divided.

"We have come to pay bomage to Bbutto," shouted one supporter as he ran alongside Murtaza's train compartment. When asked which Bhutto he meant he shouted back: "All of them."

being turned off in Novem-

ber, city residents said, and

some former parliamentary

staff were redeployed as re-

ception, protocol, and accre-

Delegates were being housed in the "village" origi-nally built for National

Assembly members. On

Saturday evening they were

found watching the World

Cup match between Nigeria

and Argentina, in which

Delegates include

husinessmen, technocrats

and personalities from Niger-

ia's two political parties, the

Social Democratic Party and

the National Republican

Convention which were both

dissolved at the time of the

But the list contains no

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dehaene remains in EU race

BRUSSELS (AFP) — Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene Sunday said he was still in the running for president of the European Union Commission, despite Britain's veto at the just-concluded EU summit in Corfu, Greece. "I remain a candidate," Mr. Dehacue told RTBF public television in the wake of the failure of the just-concluded EU summit in Corfu, to find a replacement to outgoing Commission President Jacques Delors. "Eleven of the 12 member states backed my candidacy in Corfu. To pull out would put them in a difficult position and to bow to the British veto would render poor service to decision-making in the Enropean Union," he said. "A consensus must emerge at the European Council on the name of the European president and the fact that Europe is blocked by Britain is not good, all the more so as Mr. (John) Major's opposition is motivated by domestic reasons," he said. "Mr. Major has chosen to reinforce his domestic position rather than bat for Europe by going for consensus and that is a problem," he said. "I shall not change my convictions because they are not to Mr. Major's fiking," he also said.

Fires threaten homes in California

WRIGHTWOOD, California (AFP) — Forest fires swept through the Los Angeles region over the weekend destroying nearly 1,500 hectares (3,700 acres) and threatening about 100 homes, officials here said Sunday. They said about a dozen homes were destroyed in the Pinon Hills neighbourhood Saturday and residents were evacuated from the region as advancing flames fanned by warm winds threatened additional destruction. Some 600 firefighters were called in to battle the hlaze assisted by buildozers, helicopters and specially-equipped planes. Last autumn, fires ravaged the southern California region destroying thousands of hectares (acres) and hundreds of homes.

U.S. may leave forces in Panama

SOTO CANO AIR BASE, Honduras (AP) - U.S Defence Secretary William Perry, wrapping up a two-day visit to Panama Saturday, said the United States might leave forces in the canal zone if asked by the Panamanian government. The United States is poised to begin pulling out about 40 per cent of the 10,000 troops stationed there in the next 18 months. Under the Panama Canal Treaties. Washington has agreed to remove all forces and turn over all military installations to Panama by the end of 1999. "We will meet our treaty commitments, which call for us to leave in the year 2000," Mr. Perry said. "If the Panamanian government requests us to stay on, for reasons of, for example, regional stability, that's something we would certainly consider." Washington's top concerns remain stability in the Central American region and a reduction in drug activities in the area, Mr. Perry said. If satisfied with Panama's policies on those issues. Mr. Perry said, the United States would be "in a positive position to come forward and consider such negotiations." But he added that such developments are "ahead of us by a good many

The same of the sa HOW ABOUT A SWIM?: A young boy plays

floodwaters in Guangzhou, the capital of southern China's Guangdong province. The death toll in the province stood at 210 after two weeks of flooding. Most of the loss of life occurrent part of the province where rainfall was the heaviest

'Authentic' Mussolini diaries discovered — paper

LONDON (AFP) - The diaries of the Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini have surfaced in London. where they have been authenticated by British experts. the Sunday Telegraph paper

reported. The five volumes covering the period 1935 to 1939 were found recently in a household suitcase by an unidentified Italian businessman, son of an anti-fascist partisan, the paper says.

He gave them to a family friend, the retired film director Sir Anthony Havelock-

Experts including Nicolas Barker, retired deputy keep-er of the British Museum, and Italian history specialist Denis Mack Smith of All Souls College Oxford have declared the diaries authen-

"I've come to the definite conclusion that the diaries are genuine," Mr. Barker, an .: expert in forged documents, . is quoted as saying.

But the find is sure to create controversy, given the resurgence of neo-fasicsm in Italy, and revive memories of the so-called Hitler Diaries which were published in Bri- I tain by the Sunday Times.

Under Italian law the copyright of such a document ... would fall to Mussolini's heirs until next April, the 50th anniversary of his death.

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Caniggia blasts Argentina past Nigeria into 2nd round

Claudio Caniggia scored an historie goal then added a second as Argentina beat native Nigeria 2-1 and eased into the second round of the World Cup here Saturday.

. The double strike by the AS Roma striker gave Argentina a 2-1 lead at halftime which the wily twotimes world champions never relinguished.

With the scores locked at 1-1, Caniggia put Argentina ahead in the 28th minute with a splendid, curling shot into the top right hand corner of the net after Diego Maradoing put him through.

His first goal, which put Argentina level at 1-1 only seven minutes earlier, was the 1,500th goal in World Cup history, since the first tournament way back in

The Nigerians opened the match the breathless pace and earned their reward in the eighth minute when midfielder Samson Siasia was put clear by Rashidi Yekini, African footballer or the year.

The powerful striker burst through two tackles and Siasia, running in on the through ball, lobbed keeper Luis Islas from 15 metres. Nigeria were extremely lucky to have 11 men on the field, thanks to an appalling error by Swedish referee Bo

Karlsson. He booked the wrong man in teh 14th minute when he gave Sunday Oliseh the yel-low card for a foul instead of the real offender Austin Eguavoen.

Eguavoen, the 28-year-old Belgium-based defender, brought down Caniggia and was,handed what should have been his second yellow card, and an automatic sending off, in the 20th minute.

. Argentina, on top in the second baif, were never really comfortably in control, with the fierce Nigerians capable of breaking out and scoring at any time. The forward line of Yekeni, Dan Amo-!tacbi and Emmanual Amunike, all based in Europe, never stopped prohing a

Yekini almost hit the equaliser in the 73rd minute after a brilliant break by Sunday. Olisch, the 19-year-old FC Liege forward, but the big striker was off target. It was Argentina who

booked the more dangerous when Diego Simeone latched on to a free-kick lobbed over

condition. JD 4,500



the pitch of Foxboro Stadium outside Argentina midfielder Diego Simeone (L) Boston Saturday (AFP) passes Nigerian Emmanuel Amunike on

the defensive wall by Maradona after 55 minutes. But under pressure from goalkeeper Peter Rufai, he shot the side netting.

A mimite later in a pulsating game, Mutiu Adepojn, the 23-year-old midfielder for Racing Santander in Spain, almost scored with his first touch after replacing Siasia in the 56th minute. But his shot with only the keeper to beat, was wildly over the bar.

Argentina, two-times World Cup winners, were rocked back on their heels when they went behind in the first half, but their experience and composure was finally to tell when Caniggia lunged in on a rebound after keeper Paul Rufai was unable to hold a Gabriel Batistuta free

Argentina's 1990 World Cup top scorer tucked the hall away for his first World Cup goal since the semi-final in Rome four years ago. He only returned to international foothall in May after a 13-

month ban for cocaine use. Karlsson compounded his errors hy disallowing Batistuta's 12th minute score because Argentina took the free-kick too quickly.

Eguavoen tested Islas with a fierce shot from 20 metres hnt cleared Oscar Ruggeri's header off the line.

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And in the closing stages Maradona drifted through the Nigerian defence to cross

goal with Batistuta just too late coming in. Maradona said afterwards he was getting fitter with every match. "I did a lot of running and I thank the Lord for givin me such good legs,"

across the face of an empty

said the 33-year-old. "I dedicate this win to the Argentine people, I love you," he told an Argentine TV interviewer.

Salvatore Carmando probahly has something to do with Maradona's form. He was his physiotherapist when Mara-dona was with the Italian club Napoli and the Argentine FA brought him over to work on

the great man's legs.
"There was a lot of work to do hut he's 90 per cent fit now," Carmando said. Caniggia said it had been a

hard match. "But the players had a great game. I have a feeling great things are to come," he added.

Nigeria's Dutch coach, 54year-old Clemens Westerbof, was scornful of Swedish referee Bo Karlsson's handling

of the game. "He was excellent, quiet and cool - hut he must be a distant relative of Marado-

na," he said.

Mecca Street.

'We lacked the experience to beat Argentina today, but maybe he lacked experience

Defender Austin Eguavoen, who came close to being sent off in the game but was spared by a case of mistaken identity, said: "The referee was unbelievable. He weas terrible, we couldn't touch anybody."

The 28-year-old vicecaptain who plays with Courtrai in Belgium, was blown up for more than half a dozen fouls ion the game.

Midfielder Dan Amokachi, the 21-year-old who plays for Bruges in Belgium, added to the chorus of disapproval.

"The referee was not at his best today. Whenever Maradona, Caniggia or Redondo took a tumble, be blew for a

Argentina hoss Alfio Basile slammed Nigeria for rough-house tactics, and believes Karlsson was too soft. "I have misgivings about

the refereeing. Four or five of my players are quite beat up after the game, he said, mentioning Sensini, Caceres. Simeone, Maradona and Caniggia. He said he was unsure

whether they would be able to play in Argentina's next match against Bulgaria in Dallas Thursday.

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DALLAS, Texas (AFP) -Football's world governing body, FIFA, lost patience with outspoken Jack Charlton Saturday and hanned him from the tonchline for Ireland's decisive last Group E World Cup game against

HANOI (AFP) - The Viet-

namese government is turn-ing a blind eye to the de-

trimental effects of the World

Cup which has hit productiv-

ity and turned working hours

Betting has increased, the

price of colour television sets

has shot up and civil servants

are turning up late for work

But one young shopkeeper

summed up the passion that

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National television has

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best striker and the world

champion team. The prize is

a princely \$10,000. But news-

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Another first is the broad-

cast by Vietnam's only televi-

sion channel of all 52 match-

es, thanks to a satellite agree-

ment with a Malaysian com-

In recent weeks, the price

of colour televisions has

jumped \$10 to \$20, slightly

less than 10 per cent, and

well-off families have traded

in their 35-centimetre (14-

inch) sets for larger screens.

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streets are quieter than dur-

ing previous World Cups

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Norway Tuesday. "FIFA's discipli mittee banned Charlton from sitting on the bench for the next game as a result of his misbehaviour in the game against Mexico," said FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni.

FIFA officials have been annoyed with Charlton's persistent criticism of their body, and they acted when he and they acted when he argued angrily with officials in Friday's game against Mexico when he was trying to send John Aldridge as a sub-

Aldridge was lucky to "FIFA have rules and Mr. Charlton has to obey them

escape any punishment for swearing at the linesman.

like everyone else," Tognoni said. "There are 24 teams in this tournament and the other 23 coaches are not complaining.

Ireland were given a slap on the wrist by FIFA for "not adhering to team colours" in their World Cup opener

against Italy. The Irish wore their traditional green jerseys while Italy had to change to their blue shirts for white.

It was believed television objected to the kits being too

similar, but Ireland, as the designated visiting team, refused to change. Charlton also erossed swords with FIFA over the

tackle-for-behind ruling and giving players drinks during matches. FIFA eventually agreed to let officials throw plastic bags of water onto The pitch for players who could not get to the touchline feeding stations.

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That does not, however, prevent street vendors, soup stall merchants, cigarette and candy sellers from working until late at night. Several cafes and restaurants in the capital are remaining open unusually long hours - until 2 a.m. State stores, which open early, are deserted. Given the 12-hour time

zone difference with the Uned States, Vietnam is living a slower pace. The huge mass of civil servants usually rrives at work late, after ::30 a.m., at the end of the Wr. 1 Cup broadcasts. They leave in mid-afternoon to nap briore another sleepless

ght of football watching. The government is tolerant department heads let employees spend half an hour disenssing the previous night's matches before they begin work.

Productivity is not the only thing that suffers. Audiences films, plays and operas are nonexistent. Even city swimming pools are emptier than usual complain hotel managers, who hope reservations will rise again in mid-July, after the final.

The Vietnamese, whose national side is one of the weakest in Asia, have become eclectic fans.

Traditionally supporters of France, the former colonial power, which was eliminated before the finals, and of Russia, which has not performed well in the United States, the Vietnamese have gone crazy for South Korea, "the pride of Asian football," according to Prime Minister Vo Van

Sandi Arabia's Saced Al Owairan and Morocco's Taher El Khalej go up for a header during their World Cup Group F. match Saturday at Giants Stadium. The Gulf kingdom claimed a 2-1 win over Morocco (AFP photo)

Saudis elated by victory

EAST RUTHERFORD. N.J. (AP) — Saudi fans erupted in joy Saturday when their team upset Morocco 2-1 and stayed in contention for a second-round berth at the World Cup soccer tourna-

"With a little luck, we'll reach the round of 16," said Abdullah Omar of Riyadh, as countrymen waved green flags and staged impromptu dances in the parking lot of Giants Stadinm.

Saudi fans were greatly ontnumbered by pro-Moroccan spectators in the crowd of 72,404 on a hot and humid afternoon. But their team came through with two first-half goals, despite playing without several stars, including Injured captain Ma-jerd Mohammad, a midfiel-

The Saudis may need one more point for their match next Wednesday against Belgium in Washington to adv-

ance to the second round. But some fans from the esert kingdom said three points from the victory over Morocco might prove to be

round groups. We could even go through with just three. points," said a Saudi fan who gave his name as Turki, a graduate student at Georgetown University in Washing-'We used to be known as a.

camel country. But now we're good at soccer. We almost beat the Nether-. lands," he said, referring to the 2-1 loss last Monday in which the Saudis held a 1-0 Omar, a Saudi national

guardsman, praised the skillful play of teams from developing countries at the 1994

"In this tournament, you might even see a third world team like Nigeria advance to. . the quarterfinals," he said. . "Yes, I think there will be surprises."

Moroccan fans, while downcast by the defeat, acknowledged their team had been ontplayed by the Saudis and lacked cohesion.

"The Saudis played well. Falah Karim of Casablanca. "But it was like losing to brothers.'

Saudis' royal show

NEW YORK (AFP) — Sandi Arabia's first World Cup triumph, a 2-1 success over Morocco in Group F here on Saturday, was a royal affair for both sides.

In attendance for the first meeting of Arab nations at the finals were three Saudi

princes — their ambassa-

dor to the United States,

Prince Bandar Bin Sultan,

and Saudi soccer federation

Fahd and Prince Khalid Bin Saud. Trying to level things up

members Prince Sultan Bin

for the Moroccans was Princess Ala Loui M'Daghri.

Prince Bandar saw the players in the dressing room afterwards and said: "Some of them were crying and some were praying."

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Bickering Germans told to shut up and play football

LLAS. Texas (AFP) — The team is lacking tempera-Bickering Germany have ment and must move quicker been ordered by coach Berti Vogts to shut up and play football when they meet South Korea in their final Group C match here Mon-

Although Germany have almost certainly qualified for the next round thanks to a win over Bolivia and a draw with Spain, Vogts has been far from impressed by his team's play.

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He bas also been angered by constant bickering amongst the players about who is to blame for their lacklustre play to date.

"People talk about playing football. Well there has not been much play by my team as far as I am concerned," complained Vogts only hours after Germany's arrival here Saturday.

"The players have to show that on the field they are enjoying themselves. They have to play better football.

on the ball," he added.

Vogts desperately wants to win the group and ensure a return to Chicago but his plans have been upset by an ojury to defender Thomas

Stranz suffered a recurrence of a thigh injury during a light work-out Saturday morning before the team left for Dalias. "It is not serious but it's bad enough to put him in doubt," said Vogts.

Oo paper Germany should have no problem in disposing of the Koreans whose coach, Kim Ho, continues to believe his team, who must win if they are to survive, can pull off what would be the upset of the tournament to date.

The 49-year-old Kim admits Germany have the experience but he is banking on his side's youth and speed. "Speed is our secret weapon," said Ho. "If we can hold Germany for 75 minutes

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then we can win. We will be stronger than Germany in the final 15 minutes, we are in better physical shape than them," said Kim.

Ho's dream may not be so unreal. Vogts admits his team is having trouble scoring. In the opening game



German players, from L-R: Juergen Klinsman, Andreas Moeller, Rudi Voeller and Thomas Hassler during the team training in the grounds of the Southern Methodist Uni-

> to the midfield to create the chances," said Vogts.

In the other final Group C

should see them into the next

seemingly unhappy with the teams perform-

ance and has ordered the players to stop bickering and play football. They are due to meet South Korea Monday (AFP photo)

and South Korea win Monday, Germany would end up

third in the group and although their four points

versity Saturday. Coach Berti Vogts is

coming from Jurgen Klins-

pay dispute.

handed out.

Cameroon's players, who

claimed they had not been

paid any promised bonuses,

called off their threat when

the Cameroon government

sent two ministers with nearly

\$1 million in cash to settle the

against Bolivia they won 1-0 and could only manage a I-1 draw with Spain, both goals

"We must create better goalscoring chances. It is up

match, being played at the same time in Chicago, Spain play Bolivia. If both Spain

round it would be a disaster for the defending champions.

Bolivia to have their last chance

CHICAGO (AFP) - Bolivia who must beat Spain Monday to have even a chance of advancing in the World Cup, are struggling to reorganise with three key players banned and half a dozen others injured.

Bolivian coach Xabier Azkargorta will be without forward Marco Etcheverry. who was already banned after being sent off in the opening defeat by Germany.

He lost two more players in the goalless draw with South Korea, with Luis Cristaldo being sent off and Julio Baldivieso collecting his second

booking. In addition, injuries have been piling up. Midfielder Erwin Sanchez has a foot injury and forward William Ramallo a nagging ankle injury. Carlos Borja had spike marks on one calf, but is expected to play, as are the hobbling Vladimir Soria and Gustavo Quinteros.

Azkargorta has laid the blame for some of his problems at he feet of World Cup referees. He said small couo-

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of hearts? The choice matters only when West has a singleton. Cashing the are first will gain when that singleton is the queen, but it will lose to the other four possibilities. Therefore, with two entries to duming the desired that the contract of the c

Therefore, with two entries to dummy declarer should finesse twice; with only one entry, the best play is to cash the ace first."

One declarer took the percentage play—down one. The other "reamoned that ducking the opening lead would give him two chances: The opening lead might be away from the spade king tin which case the spade ace would provide a discard for the losing club in handl, or

for the losing club in hand), or South might be able to pick up the heart queen with one finesse. Rea-sonably enough, declarer played low

from dummy at trick one, losing to the spade king. Now having only one

entry to dummy, he cashed the heart ace before finessing, making

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tries like Bolivia had been penalised more than powerhouses like Germany and Spain, who are one and two in Group C.

"In this World Cup, the poor countries were never going to have it easy," he said. "I don't understand the politics, but we are ready for anything.

But he knows be is running out of matches.

"In the first game, we wanted to show the world we can play against anybody. he said of the tournament's opener against defending champions Germany. "But we can't just be satisfied with a good showing. We need results. We need a win."

Spain, who drew 1-I with Germaoy and 2-2 with Korea, are under slightly less pressure, though coach Javier Clemente warned his players against letting down their guard

"We must not fall asleep and let Bolivia surprise us,

The Spanish have not been

their two draws. They let a 2-0 lead evaporate against Korea, and only a lucky goal from Andoni Goikoetxea -who was trying to cross, not score - gave them the draw against the Germans.

Clemente will again be short of one first-choice defender, with Miguel Nadal still serving out a two-match ban imposed after he was sent off against Korea.

Five other Spaniards have one booking apiece, but Clemente said they could not let that affect their play Mon-

Probable teams: Spain: Andoni Zubizarreta (capt); Albert Ferrer, Rafael Alkorta, Abelardo, Sergi, Josep Guardiola, Jose Luis Caminero, Fernando Hierro, Luis Enrique, Andoni Goikoetxea, Julio Salinas Bolivia: Carlos Trucco; Marco Sandy, Miguel Rimba,

Gustavo Quinteros, Carlos Borja, Milton Melgar (capt), Meanwhile, Cameroon goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Vladimir Soria, Erwin-San-Bell Saturday announced he chez, Alvaro Pena, William was quitting the troubled national side and said his particularly impressive in Ramallo, Jaime Moreco. career was finished.

FIFA enters Italian captain dismissed Cameroon following knee surgery dispute

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Italy's captain-sweeper Fran-SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) co Baresi was quickly sent Football's world governing home from hospital following body FIFA have intervened arthroscopic knee surgery in Cameroon's World Cup Saturday but doctors were cautious that he would recov-FIFA Secretary Sepp Blater in time to resume playing

ter said they had not been in the World Cup. alarmed at players' threats Italian team doctor Andrea they would boycott Friday's Ferretti said Saturday that game against Brazil but were Baresi's rehabilitation may puzzled by the figure being take anything between 15 to 60 days, thus making impossi-*Cameroon received ble any prediction on \$200,000 for qualifying and are getting \$9,000 a day for expenses," he said. whether he would return to

action before the end of the competition. The final of the one-month competition is scheduled in Pasadena July 17.

The 34-year-old defender left the Lenox Hill Hospital in New York at dawn Saturday, about 12 hours after an operation to remove cartilage from his right koee. Baresi damaged the joint during Thursday's game against Norway, which Italy won 1-0. "The player does not feel

any pain and can walk with-

out crutches," Fereti said. "The length of recovery depends on many factors, but the range of rehabilitation after such kind of operations is usually between 15 to 60

'Age is not an important factor.

Alessandro Costacurta, Baresi's defensive partner with AC Milan and the national team, said Saturday that lie hoped that "Franco can make the final, if we qualify.

"He's a very important player for the team, but we must be resigned to do without him in the next games," Costacurta said.

Italy will have to reshuffle its defence for Tuesday's crucial match against Mexico in Washington as another key defender, Paolo Maldini, is nursing a strained right ank-

"Maldini is improving, but I believe he could bardly play against Mexico," Ferretti

The defeat of Graf livens up women's event at Wimbledon

of Steffi Graf in Wimbledon's first round provided a second shot of adrenalin desperately needed by a women's game so recently in a state of terminal decline.

And it kick-started a train of upsets which gave Wimbledon what most observers regard as the best first week it

has had in many years.

Graf became the first women's titlebolder to be defeated in the first round when, after curtseying to the royal box as she entered Wimbledon's famed centre court Tuesday, she bowed to American Lori McNeil 7-5

Yet cataclysmic though it may have been, it was not entirely surprising given McNeil's grass-court pedig-ree and particularly in the light of Graf's 6-2 6-2 trouncing by Mary Pierce in the French Open semifinals a few weeks earlier.

Pierce's arrival as a major player was the biggest boost for the women's game since tbe stabbiog of Monica Seles 13 months earlier had knocked the Yugoslav out of the sport — perhaps permanently and elevated Graf to a position of dominance she retained until Paris.

So when the 19-year-old Frenchwoman withdrew from Wimbledon at the 11th hour for reasons she refused to specify but which may have resulted from renewed problems with ber father Jim, the tournament was apparently robbed of its savior.

It was left to McNeil, a 30-year-old player from Houston, Texas who had won the Birmingham event 10 days earlier, to restore the lustre lost when Pierce departed.

It was the first time in nine years that Graf bad lost two successive matches on tour and it happened after she had

WIMBLEDON, England begun the year in outstanding (R)—The astonishing defeat fashion.

The 25-year-old German captured the Australian Open in January to become only the second woman to hold all four Grand Slam titles in a non-calendar year. Martina Navratilova was the

Graf went on to win her next four tournaments as well and only in the final of the last one did she drop her first set of the year, to Natalia Zvereva of Belarus at the Lipton final in Florida.

Then Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario beat her in the Hamburg final before the French

Good though it was for the women's game. Graf's loss in difficult, rain-interrupted conditions here Tuesday brought ber sympathy from many quarters.

Most prominently, it came from the woman who could turn out to be the main beneficiary of her demise, Navratilova

Even though she would love nothing better than a 10th Wimbledon singles title to take into her retirement, the 37-year-old Czech-born American was saddened by Graf's defeat.

"I had mixed feelings about Steffi losing. I still do." she said two days later. "My dream really was to

play her in the final. But I slept badly after she lost.
"I kept empathisiog so much with what she must be going through because I certainly went through it a few

times this year. With five other women's seeds also ousted during the first week, French Open champion Sanchez-Vicario is now the favourite with the bookmakers.

But Navratilova carries the emotional hopes of millions into her rough-looking fourth-round match with Helena Sukova Monday,

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the key guiding elements of the Kingdom's course, he added. "Jordan will serve not only as a political example but also as a model in democratic approach, respect for human rights and political pluralism," the King said.

Bosnian forces

make headway

despite ceasefire

SARAJEVO (Agencies) - during the Naples summit of

Bosnian government forces made substantial gains in an

offensive against separatist

Serb positions in northern

Bosnia-Herzegovina, leaving

the current truce in tatters, a

U.N. Protection Force (UN-

PROFOR) spokesman said

The fighting, in which at least 1,700 artillery shells

were fired Saturday, has been

concentrated around Mount

Ozren, where the Serbs have

evacuated several villages in

the face of the Bosnian offen-

midweek, has focused on

Zavidovici and Rihnica, to

the south of the Ozren range,

and on Gracanica, to the north. The intensity of the

fighting has increased day by

Securing Mount Ozren would ease communications

hetween the government-beld towns of Zenica and

Tuzla in preparation for an

onslaught on the strategic

Posevina corridor, a vital

Serb-held strip of territory

across northern Bosnia that

links the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka and Serbia prop-

to follow the progress of the fighting mostly from the air, since both sides have denied

them access to the region.

into effect on June 10 to

enable international

mediators to prepare a parti-

tion plan that would allocate

49 per cent of Bosnian terri-

tory to the Serbs, with 51 per

cent going to a newly-formed

U.N. envoy Yasushi

Akashi was unable to gain

agreement by the two sides

for UNPROFOR peacekeep-

ers to oversee the truce or for

the number of U.N. military

observers to be increased. He

is shortly 10 present a report 10 the two sides detailing the

violations of the Geneva

A contact group formed by

the United Nations, the Un-

ited Stales. Russia and the

European Union aims to pre-

sent its partition plan to the

Bosnian and Serb sides by the

alleged member of Iran's

largest dissident group on

suspicion of attempting to de-

tonate a bomh at a mosque in

southeast Iran, Tehran Radio

The group, the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, im-

mediately issued a statement

from its Paris office denying

any connection with the

arrested man and dubbing

the government claims "pre-

It said the announcement

was part of "the mullahs"

hysteric week-long propagan-

da to attribute the criminal

explosion at Imam Reza's

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shrine to the Mnjahideen ...

a week after a bomh ripped

through a mosque in the holy

city of Mashhad in northeast

Iran, killing 26 people and

said Sunday.

truce expiry date of July 10, initiate the action."

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iranian police have arrested an blamed that bombing on the

volvement.

Tehran.

Croat-Muslim federation.

A one-month truce came

U.N. observers have had

day, the spokesman said.

The offensive, launched in

sive, Eric Chaperon said.

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the Group of Seven indus-

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The UNPROFOR chief to

Bosnia, General Michael

Rose, has attempted hut

failed to organise a meeting between Bosnian army and

Serb military leaders to dis-

He failed also to secure a

meeting Sunday in which

military leaders of the two

sides in the Sarajevo region

were to discuss bringing an

end to the recent upsurge in

sniper activity in the capital.

That apparently was not enough for the Serbs, who had been agreeable to a

meeting of top officials. Even

so, it was uncertain whether

Serh commander General

Ratko Mladic would have attended. U.N. officials said

earlier that they could not

Mr. Akashi expressed

"Somehow, the parties did

hope that the talks could be

not think that today is a very convenient day..." he said in

the Croatian port of Split.

"The meeting is simply post-

nia's government has little

interest in a ceasefire that

could lead to a settlement it

considers unfair and unen-

defensive against hetter-

armed Serbs, government

forces bave made modest

gains recently. An agreement to end hostilities with Bos-

nian Croats and form a fed-

eration with them also bas

boosted morale and allowed

the government to focus on

General Rasim Delic, the

Bosnian army leader, bas

urged the Muslim-Croat fed-

eration in recent weeks to go

leading a defensive war, now

we're going into another

pbase," he said in an inter-

view published Friday in the

Sarajevo daily Oslobodenje. He reileraled bis call for a

"war of liberation" and urged

Croat and Muslim soldiers to

Mujahideen, which denied in-

The state-run radio said police arrested Bahram

Abbas-Zadeh on Thursday and accused him of planning

to plant a bomh at the Makki

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He was arrested on the

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the radio said. Iranian au-

thorities say they have

arrested a suspect in the June

20 attack, but have given no

In the past, the Mujahi-

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Huge quantities of drugs burnt

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ity Department's division charged with combating narcotics, told Jordan Television that 4,586 kilos of hashish, 11,315 kilos of heroin, 12.7 kilos of opium and 866,615 drug pills along with 134 saplings of cannabis were burnt at the cement factory.

Brig. Ensour told the Jordan Times that these drugs were seized in Jordan in 74 cases over the past two years, but the drugs were mainly passing through Jordan on their way to be used in other addicts.

deh where drug users are treated for up to two months.

Once released the addicts are kept under surveillance and have to report to the centre twice a week for urine tests and constant medical checkups to ensure that they have not returned to their old hahits, Brig. Ensour said.

The department has estab-

lished a centre at Jabal Weib-

He said that the centre has so far rehabilitated 15

Shaath rejects probe findings

(Continued from page 1) guards were absent, including three who overslept. The panel left it up to the army to ile disciplinary charges.

Goldstein, a physician who immigrated from New York city, walked into the mosque dressed in his army reserve uniform and opened fire with a Galil assault rifle on rows of worshippers.

"The massacre ... was a base and murderous act in which innocent people bending in prayer to their maker was killed," said the report. The massacre was one of the harshest expressions of the Jewish-Arah conflict. The report said 29 Palesti-

nians were killed and 125 wounded. Independent checks with bospitals and family members indicated 30 had died, but there was confasion over names from the

The commission determined that Goldstein was the lone shooter. It discounted testimony by Muslim worshippers that shots were fired from more than one weapon and statements by two army guards that suggested another man carried the massacre weapon into the tomb.

"We were not presented with credible proof that he (Goldstein) was helped while carrying out the killing ... nor had secret partners," said the commission headed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Meir Shamgar.

In Hehron, Mayor Mustafa Natshe said the report did not address the basic problems tbat allowed Goldstein to operate freely — the presence of 415 Israeli settlers among 110,000 Palestinians.

"The climate of threats and violence is what allowed Goldstein to do what he did," said Mr. Natshe. 'The settlers take the law into their own hands. The army did not stop the settler lawless-

:- Ahmad Tibi, a PLO adviser, said the politicians re-sponsible for the failure to protect the worshippers were not named in the investiga-

"I think this report will not change the certain possibility that in the future such an incident could occur in the West Bank," he said. Liheral legislator Dedi

Zucker said the report "looks to me like an attempt to wash our hands." Goldstein, he said. "knew that this was a land without law where there was a clear preference for settlers for many years."

Settler leaders praised the report for asserting that Goldstein acted alone, but criticised the panel's recommendation that Jews no longer be permitted to enter the site armed, saying they needed to carry weapons for "self-defence,"

The commission cited some lapses in enforcing the law, including police refusal to investigate settler vigilantes unless the Palestinian victim filed a complaint. Most Palestinians are intimidated by the settlers or believe their complaint will lead to nothing, and many cases were not investigated.

The panel also urged the army to clarify open-fire orders to specify that soldiers could stop settlers from committing serious crimes. Troops bad testified that even if they had seen Goldstein shooting their orders harred from firing at other

In six weeks of bearings, the commission heard 106 witnesses in 31 sessions, many of them televised.

In response to the massacre, Israel jailed the leadersbip of the anti-Arah Kach movement without trial and seized the arms of a few Jewish settlers. Goldstein, a physician, was a Kach activ-

After the massacre, Middle East peace talks were suspened for several weeks. Israel and the PLO returned to the negotiating table and on May 4 signed an accord on Palestinian autonomy.

Palestinians hold meeting

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rule enclave of Jericho and the prisoners. There are about 26 ques-

tions that have been postponed at the Cairo agree- and the Gaza Strip.

dispute, including border ment," Dr. Shaath told re-crossings, the size of the self-

The disputed points in the Israeli-PLO accord mainly centre on the borders of the

self-rule enclaves of Jericho

tween Jordan and Israel as set by the British mandate maps. It is a military area and access is limited to local residents and those

On the other side of the mini canyon — is also the runs alongside a wide, well-

Further upstream is a shattered steel hridge that was once part of a railroad that ran from Haifa in Palestine to Iraq passing

Given that the features of the area offered a natural reservoir, Jordan wanted to huild a dam in the area in the mid-60s, said Munther Haddadin, a

med local reporters on a tour of the borders last

Arah response to the plan to build the dam, named "Khaled Ben Walid," was at best lnkewarm, and the whole project had to be shelved when Israel seized the other (Syrian) hank of the River Yarmouk in the 1967 war.

However, Jordan kept alive the idea of harnessing Yarmouk waters, culminating in the mid-80s in a plan to build Al Wahdab dam further upstream at a point called Makharen closer to where the Yarmouk River begins, away from the occupied Golan Heights.

on its riparian "rights" to Yarmouk waters foiled the project. The option was brought back to the table in the wake of the Middle East peace process launched 30 months ago in Madrid. Prospects of implementing the project are ity of Jordan is to secure Israeli agreement to respecting the Kingdom's rights for a fair share of the area's waters, said Dr. Haddadin, the Kingdom's top-most expert in water.

Dr. Haddadin, who led the media team on a tour last week near the borders, said that apart from its share that was lacilly agreed upon three decades ago, Israel was now diverting Yarmouk water all along the river before it

The 0.83 square kilometres of Jordanian territory occupied by Israel in the north lies in a triangle where the two rivers meet. Il could be cléarly seen from a hill about 300 to 400 metres above, overlooking the confluence of

Israel has huilt a road that passes through the plot. It is obvious that the small stretch of the road saves Israel several kilometres of detour on its side of the River Jordan.

A blue and white Israeli hus escorted by an armoured personnel carrier passed laboured through the strip of land and disappeared westwards into Israeli territory as we watched from the hill where the Jordanian army maintains a watchtower.

"Rothenburg" — named after a Jewish entrepreneur who was given concession hy the Jewish Agency, which was the forerunner of the state of Israel - to huild a hydroelectric plant

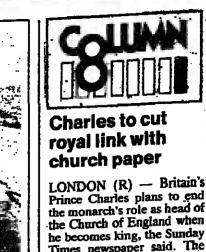
aged and looted during the

1948 war, hut the lowering

structure still stands in Jordanian territory. "This is enemy property in sovereign Jordanian land," said Dr. Haddadin gesturing to the plant and a large cluster of small barrack-type huildings where Rothenhurg employees were housed. The

and Iraqis — fought the

the war and have not done anything to change the features of the property." Dr. Haddadin said. "We respect the rights of everyone and expect others to do so



the monarch's role as head of the Church of England when he becomes king, the Sunday Times newspaper said. The heir to the throne thinks the church should be disestablished because Britain is a multiracial, multi-faith society in which the Church of England has become a minority voice. "The Prince of Wales is planning to end the 450-year-old role of the monarch as head of the Church of England and defender of the faith," the newspaper said. It quoted the prince during a television interview to he hroadcast Wednesday as saying: "I hap-pen to believe that the Catholic subjects of the sovereign are as important (as Protestants), not to mention the Islamic, Hindu and Zoroastrian." The Sunday Times said that although Prince Charles does not mention disestablishing the church in the interview, "it is clear he wishes to provoke a debate on the roles of church and monarchy. He also risks a rift with the queen, who is firmly in favour of the status quo. Britain's monarch has been bead of the Church of England since 1531 when Henry VIII broke ties with Rome when the pope refused to grant him a divorce. The two and a half hour interview by British journalist Jonathan Dimhleby promises to offer a candid view of the prince and is reported to touch on such sensitive subjects as his failed marriage to princess Diana and his relationship with close friend Camilla Parker Bowles. Critics say it is just an effort to improve the prince's popularity which bas sinmped badly since bis separation from Princess Diana 18 months ago. In a separate report the People tabloid newspaper claims Princess Diana is planning a 'revenge attack" with a television documentary prepared by Andrew Morton who wrote Diana: Her. True Story. "ITV (television) bas scheduled the Diana film for the first week in December second anniversary of her

public separation from Charles," the newspaper

who made their way through

a tropical drizzle to Lincoln

Centre beard a masterful per-

formance by one of Brazil's most talented songwriters in a concert that marked the 1994 JVC Jazz Festival's opening. Milton Nascimento, a superstar singer-composer whose music has been widely adopted by American jazz musicians, set a high standard for the jazz festival's other performers, who will he appearing through July 2 around New York City. Nascimento was the headliner at a concert that was also supposed to feature the Spanish Flamenco guitarist Paco Delucia. But Delucia was forced to cancel hecause of his fether's death Wednesday. Festival promoters made a wide departure when they decided to replace Delucia's exuberant Flamenco group with the soft sounds of the Howard Alden-Randy Sandke trumpet and guitar dno. The crowd, which took the news of Delucia's absence calmly, responded warmly to the much subtler artistry of Alden on the seven-string electric guitar and Sandke on trumpet. Their imaginative yel understated solos were a far cry from the histering harrage of Delucia's guitar. Nevertheless, standing alone on stage, they nicely filled the deep recesses of Avery Fisher Hall. The man of the evening, however, was Nascimento, who maintains a powerful stage presence simply on the strength of his music, which was performed with great precision and verve by his seven-piece band. Nascimento used his And the state of t acoustic guitar for occasional punctuation, but he generally performed with the guitar suspended from his shoulders and his arms extended, as if to embrace the audience. He sang exclusively in Portu-guese although he was backed hy band members singing in England in Only A Dream

In Rio, a song recorded with

James Taylor on Nas-

cimento's most recent album,

Aziz heads for papal audience in bid for support against sanctions

YEMENI FIGHTER:: A southern Yemeni sol- mathinegun mounted on the back of a pick-np

dier hangs onto the grips of a heavy truck speeding through Aden on patrol on Sunday (AFP phot

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz left for Rome on Sunday for a meeting with Pope John Paul to further Baghdad's diplomatic campaign for an end to the almost four-year-old international sanctions against Iraq.

Diplomats said the visit comes in response to an invitation from the Pope. Mr. Aziz arrived here from Baghdad late Saturday and left aboard a regular flight to

Mr. Aziz, Iraq's chief foreign affairs spokesman and confidant of President Saddam Hussein, is a Christian from northern Iraq. Foreign minister at that time, he was the pointman in Iraqi di-plomacy during the Gulf crisis triggered by the August 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The diplomats said Mr. Aziz would seek to enlist the support of the Holy See in Iraq's push for a lifting of the international sanctions imposed against it following the

"The Iraqi government is highly hopeful that the Vatican will be strongly respon-sive to its appeal," said one diplomat. "Baghdad believes

A religious motive for the Mashhad bombing, and the

reported bombing attempt in

Zahedan, cannot be ruled

In February, riots broke

out in Zahedan, apparently

following rumours that au-

thorities had demolished a

mosque belonging to the Sun-

ni Muslim minority in Mas-

More than 90 per cent of

Iran's 60 million population

belongs to the rival Shiite

Several small bombs have

exploded in Tehran in recent

months. Iran has blamed

Iraq, its enemy in the 1980-88

Gulf war, and the Mujahi-

deen, which is based in Iraq.

Iran was to close the north-

western part of its border

with Iraq to keep out rebels

An official said Sunday

branch of Islam.

and smugglers.

Mr. Aziz is the best indication of a fresh approach by the Roman Catholic Church to the plight of the Iraqi people suffering under the

According to the diplomat, Mr. Aziz is expected to renew an Iraqi invitation to the Pontiff to visit Iraq. But such a visit is seen unlikely under the present circumstances, they added.

"The best scenario at this point is a papal appeal to the Roman Catholic Community to help Iraq through its ordeal, but such an appeal will not have any political overtones," said the diplo-

Several senior envoys of the Roman Catholic Church. bave visited Iraq during the Gulf crisis and after the war over Kuwait, and the cburch's welfare organisations are also extending relief to Iraqis.

The Vatican opposes economic sanctions as a tool in international relations since the poor are the worst affected in trade embargos against governments. That is the main element bebind Iraq's approach to the Pope.

The Polish-born Pope had sought in vain to avert the Gulf war over Kuwait and expressed an interest in visitthat the Pope's desire to meet ing Iraq as part of his media-

The governor of West

Azerbaijan province, Ali

Saadat, told the official Ira-

nian news agency IRNA units

of the Revolutionary Guards

(Pasdaran) would be sta-

tioned along the border in the

province to "prevent illegal

200-kilometre border strip

An "informed source"

quoted by IRNA said one

person was injured when he

stepped on a mine while

trying to cross illegally

through the Baneh border

region in Kurdistan province,

south of West Azerbaijan.

The source did not say when

planted mines along the

country's western borders to

keep out rebels and smug-

The authorities recently

the incident happened.

glers, IRNA said.

would be closed.

He did not say when the

tion. But Western inflnence and pressure were seen to have dissuaded him from undertaking such a trip, particularly against the backdrop of suggestions that such a visit would have been interpreted as support for Iraq.. "Iraq would like the Pope

to see for himself the suffering its people are undergoing," said the diplomat, noting that official Iraqi fi-gures say more than 430,000 people have died as direct and indirect results of the sweeping embargo, which, among things, bans Iraqi oil exports, the mainstay income of the government.

Despite the American-led military eviction of Iraq from Kuwait in February 1991 the sanctions remain in place pending Bagbdad's compliance with Gulf war ceasefire terms.

U.N. team have formally acknowledged that Iraq has largely met with the ceasefire terms, but an easing of the sanctions seems unlikely, given the American and British insistence on several other conditions, including Baghdad's recognition of new U.N.-drawn borders of Kuwait and an end to what Washington and London see as Iraqi government oppres-

Khales says **Brazilian star** he is Afghan opens 1994 president jazz festival NEW YORK (AP) - Fans

ISLAMABAD (AFP) -Afghan religious leader Yunus Khales has declared himself interim president of war-ravaged Afghanistan, saying that he had been assured of support by army commanders and Muslim

"I have not consulted leaders of other Afghan factions because all their decisions in the past proved harmful for the country," he said in a statement quoted Sunday by his Hezb-e-Islami faction.

The 1g-month term of embattled President Burhanuddin Rahbani expires on Tuesday. "I want to prevent the (nation's) boat from sinking," Mr. Khales said.

Haunting colonial legacy and geographic contradictions Yarmouk to run its generators. It was totally dam-This is the third in a series of reports filed by the writer mouk River, the border be-However, the first priorthe eastern side of Yar-

after a two-day trip through areas in close proximity to Jordanian territory occupied by Israel and the subject of Jordanian-Israeli negotiations starting next month.

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter square kilometres) at the confluence point of the Jorthe commanding Golan Heights to the right, Lake Tiberias in front and the plusb Jordan Valley to the left, one could not but wonder how the close-knil area could have been cut into pieces in the first place. It is difficult to believe that national boundaries, imposed or otherwise, could exist in an area where geographical overlappings and interdependence for survival are its outstanding features. But then, that was the

legacy that Western colonial powers decided to grant the region, with the magnanimous gesture of a bonus — an entity bent upon expansion.

Based on the 1928 maps of the British mandate of Palestine, no Jordanian land is occupied by Israel north of the Dead Sea except 830 dunums (0.83 dan and Yarmouk Rivers. down to the south from Umm Qais.

To the right of Umm Qais is the southern part of Syria's Golan Heights. An Israeli-built road from Lake Tiberias winds through the strategic mountainside and disappears into the north to enter Israeli settlements on the Golan.

Parts of Lake Tiberias could be seen from the Umm Qais vantage point. A close look with a powerful binoculars shows farmhands at work above the

To the left is the greenery of both Jordan and Israel with very little visible sign to indicate where the dividing line is.

A drive down from Umm Qais northwards down the valley brings up the Yarwith special permits.

river — which resembles a Golan Heights. The everpresent Israeli border fence huilt road (judging from the traffic) which is constantly patrolled by the Israeli army, although it looks impossible for anyone to infiltrate, given the steep cliff that borders the river on both sides.

through Syria. senior Jordanian peace

Israeli arguments based not yet clear.

joins the River Jordan.

Yarmouk and Jordan.

There cannot be any dispute over the Jordanian claim to the land, said Dr. Haddadin, pointing out that the mandate map shows that all territory on

mouk is Jordanian.

The area is known as

The plant, technically owned by the Palestine Electricity Company which later became the Israeli Electricity Company, used water diverted from the

lotal area is around 400 Palm trees that withstood the 1948 war dot the site with charred and blackened trunks evidencing the intensity of the fighting in the area, where Arabs - including Jordanians, Syrians

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